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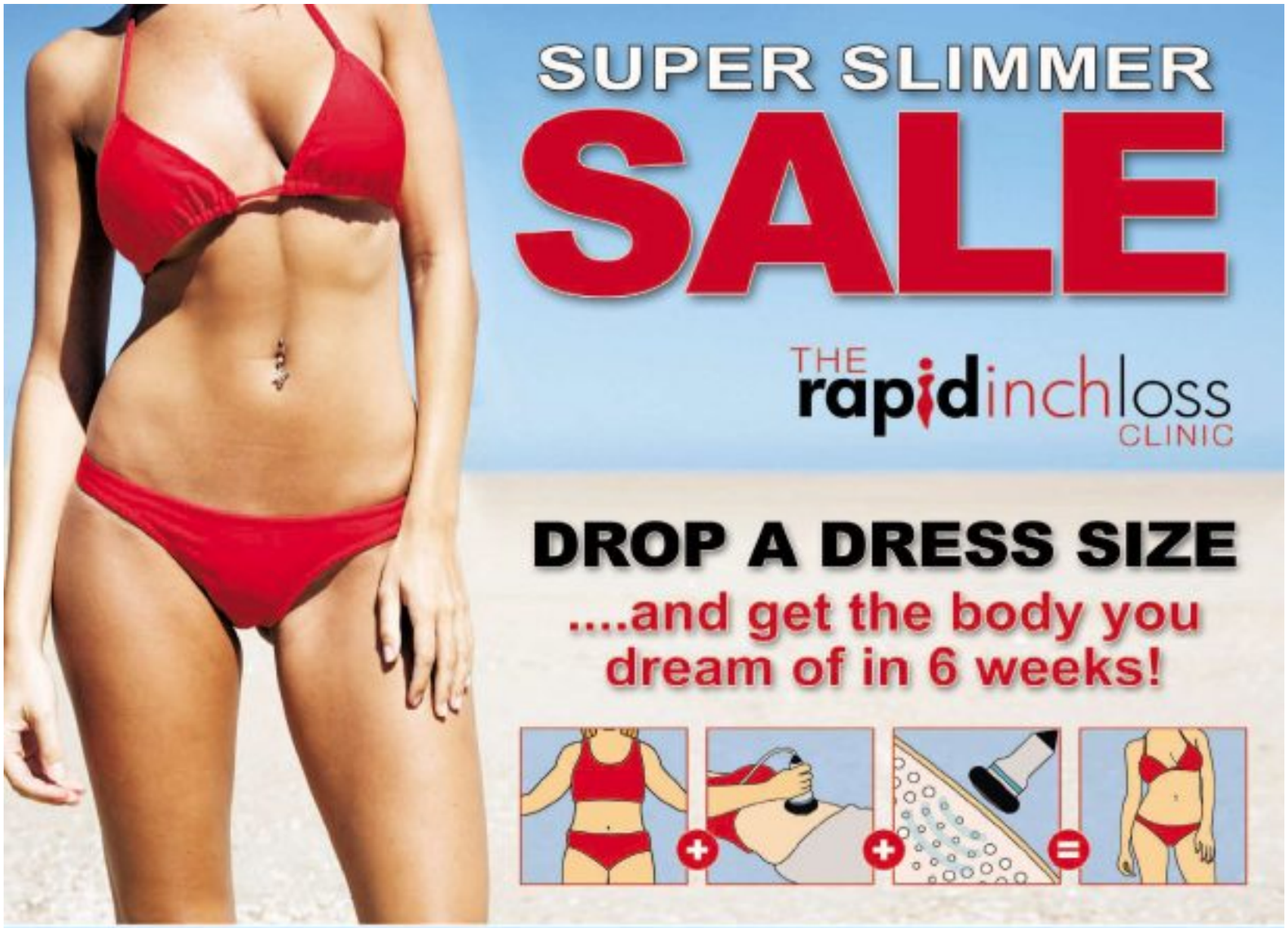

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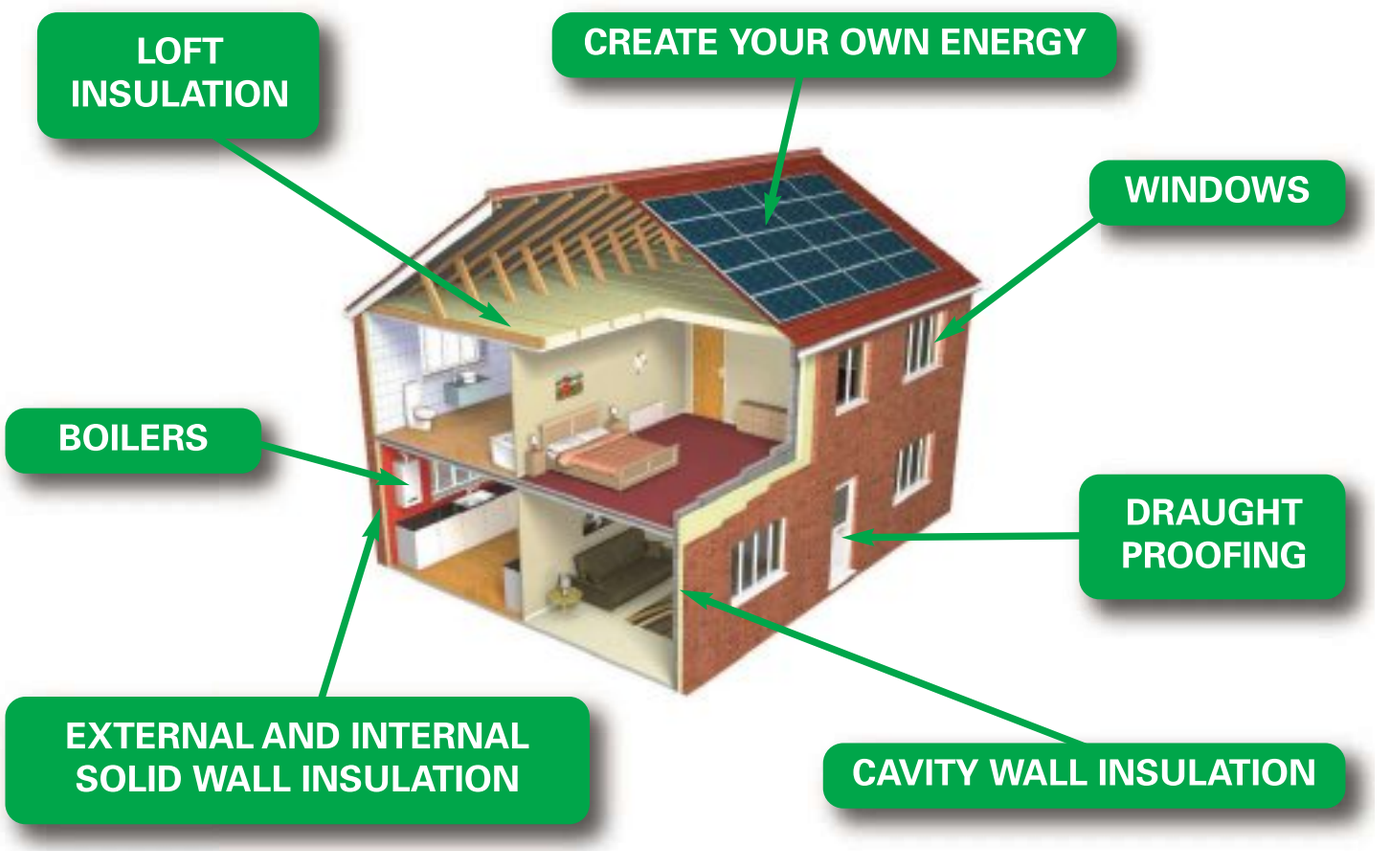

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Promotion is toughest test says Dons boss

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Colossus appeal a big success

AN HISTORIC computer will be running for a good few years yet after an MK NEWS appeal to keep it ticking over was answered.

A rebuilt Colossus, the world's first electronic semi-programmable computer, is housed at the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park. But staff constantly need special glass valves that are no longer manufactured to ensure its continued use.

MK NEWS put the word out and Sussex-based valves and components company Langrex answered the call – providing 100 '807' valves – which are particularly useful due to their rarity.

Phil Hayes, chief engineer of the Colossus, said: "It's significant for us. At present we can keep it running for ten years."

Play centre to close after losing funding

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A CHILDREN'S play centre will close at the end of March after Milton Keynes Council reduced its financial support.

Warren Children's Play Centre, in the Lakes Estate, will shut on March 31 after losing £65,000 in funding, almost half its budget.

Three other play centres: Stony Stratford, Cold Harbour and Netherfield, all managed to find alternative ways of funding their after-school and holiday services.

But Warren was not so lucky, after plans to have the Sir Herbert Leon Academy take over the running fell through because the current building is too expensive to maintain.

Michelle Gossage, 46, is the chair of the committee that runs the centre, and she is devastated for the 160 kids who attend, and their parents.

She told MK NEWS: "We cannot function without this council funding, now the parents will have to find somewhere else to take their kids.

"I understand times are tough and that the council has to make savings, but why do children always suffer?"

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "Milton Keynes Council currently makes a financial contribution to the four children's play centres, although there is no statutory obligation to do so.

"As part of a review of budgets and in consideration of future budget constraints, Milton Keynes Council is proposing to reduce this financial contribution in 2013.

"The Warren Children's Play Centre is due to close over Easter. Milton Keynes Council has explored all options to continue the play centre, including the possibility of working with partner agencies to transfer the provision of the service. But collectively we have not been able to find a sustainable solution."

Prison worker charged with leaking info

A WORKER at the city's Woodhill Prison has been charged with passing information about a 'high profile' inmate to The Sun newspaper in exchange for £3,350.

Richard Trunkfield, a Prison Operational Support Officer, has been charged with committing misconduct in a public office as part of Operation Elveden, the Metropolitan Police Service investigation into allegations involving the unlawful provision of information by public officials to journalists.

The alleged offence is said to have happened between March 2 and April 30 in 2010.

A statement was released by Alison Levitt QC, the Principal Legal Advisor to the Director of Public Prosecutions, on Tuesday.

Ms Levitt also oversees Crown Prosecution Service decision making, and all potential prosecutions in relation to the ongoing phone hacking investigations and other related matters.

"This announcement relates to a file of evidence received from the Metropolitan Police Service," she said.

"The investigation in this case was overseen by the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

"We have concluded, following a careful review of the evidence, that Richard Trunkfield should be charged with an offence of committing misconduct in public office.

"It is alleged that in 2010, Mr Trunkfield provided information to The Sun newspaper in breach of the terms of his employment and was paid £3,350.

"The charge relates to an allegation that Mr Trunkfield provided details to the newspaper about a high profile prisoner."

Mr Trunkfield, of Moulton, Northants, will appear before Westminster' Magistrates Court at a later date.

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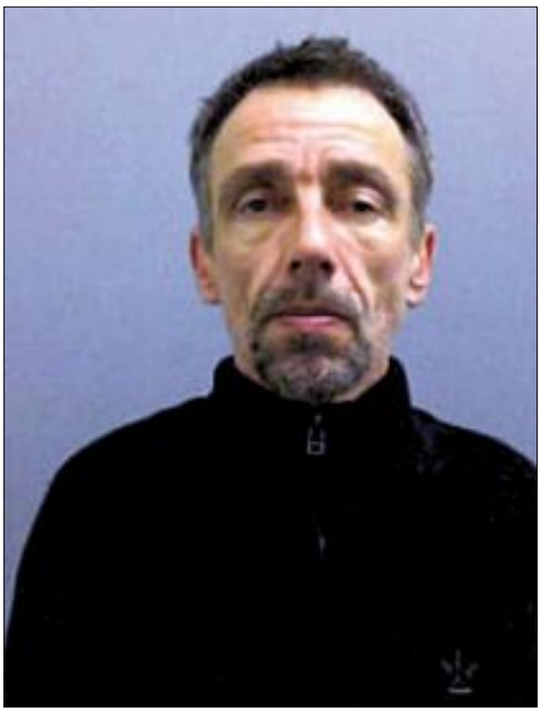

THIS is the man who police say is the 'most wanted' in Milton Keynes.

City police chief, Superintendent Barry Halliday, has given the title to burglary suspect David May as part of a bid to track him down.

The 41-year-old, of no fixed abode, failed to turn up at Milton Keynes Police station last Tuesday after being arrested in the city at the end of January.

Officers have launched a manhunt to try and find him but have so far been unsuccessful.

Superintendent Halliday did not mince his words when he spoke of the force's desire to track down May.

"This guy is a notorious burglar and he is our most wanted man," he said at a news conference in the city last week.

"He is a serious criminal offender, should he be arrested he will be charged with burglary and faces prison.

"While he is out there he will be trying to harm people."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number of 101.

You can also contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Most wanted: David May who police are eager to track down after he failed to turn up at CMK police station

Wait for justice goes on for Rachel's family

BY DAN PALMER
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THE ordeal faced by the family of tragic teenager Rachel Manning was described as an 'unimaginable nightmare' after it emerged that they would have to wait even longer for justice.

Miss Manning, 19, was found strangled in undergrowth at Woburn Golf Club in December 2000 but after more than 12 years the search for answers is set to continue.

On Monday, after 24 hours and 20 minutes of deliberations, a jury at Luton Crown Court failed to reached a verdict in the case against Shahidul Ahmed, 41, who had denied murder.

The jury of seven women and five men was discharged and Ahmed, a restaurant worker from Bletchley, now faces a retrial. He will remain in custody.

"We would like to thank the people who have aided this trial and hope that justice can be served in the future," Rachel's family said in a short statement.

Detective Chief Superintendent Rob Mason, senior investigating officer, said: "We are disappointed that the jury has been unable to return a verdict in this trial.

"Our thoughts are with Rachel's family who have remained dignified and courageous throughout despite the unimaginable nightmare they have endured over the last 12 years.

"I am extremely sorry that they have been put through this ordeal once again. It is our intention and that of the CPS that with the support of Rachel's family there will be a retrial."

Ahmed, a married father of five, was the second person to stand trial accused of murdering Miss Manning, from Wolverton.

In 2002, her boyfriend Barri White was convicted of her murder, but this was quashed at the Court of Appeal in 2007 after he served six years of a life sentence.

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Fire at Lloyds No.1

A FIRE broke out on the first floor of a Milton Keynes pub. Firefighters were called to a kitchen fire at Lloyds No.1 on Midsummer Boulevard, at 7.58am on Tuesday morning. The fire was out on arrival, and Bucks Fire Service used two sets of breathing apparatus and a thermal imaging camera.

Awards for police staff

LOCAL police officers will be rewarded on Friday when they receive commendations from city police chief Superintendent Barry Halliday. Police officers, police staff and members of the public will be awarded for acts of bravery, outstanding service and making a difference to the community.

Boy kicked in attack by girls

AN 11-YEAR-OLD boy was kicked in an attack by two teenage girls.

The victim was walking on a footpath between Redbridge Road and West Hill Road, in the direction of Great Linford, when he was approached at about 4.40pm on Monday, February 4. One offender pushed him over, kicked him repeatedly and walked off. The first offender is white, slim, 5ft 5ins, with collar-length straight blonde hair, brown at the roots. She wore a black hooded top, with yellow stitching or piping, and black leggings.

The second suspect is white, medium build, 5ft 3ins, with brown collar-length hair and wore a dark hooded top.

Cash stolen in Beanhill burglary

BURGLARS stole a small amount of cash from a house in Beanhill on Friday afternoon.

They entered the property in Wastel by forcing a locked back gate into the garden and smashing a panel in the back door.

Once inside the property they conducted a search and took a small quantity of cash.

Anyone who noticed any suspicious activity around this time should call the Thames Valley Police 24-hour non-emergency single number 101 and ask to speak to Det Con Serena Bellis.

The Pigeon Detectives perform 'Animal' on the stadium:mk pitch before the Dons' FA Cup tie vs Barnsley

Rock stars play stadiummk

SATURDAY'S FA Cup match at MK Dons saw rock band The Pigeon Detectives play to the crowd on the pitch before the game.

The band, from Rothwell in West Yorkshire, performed their track 'Animal', which they hope will be selected as the FA Cup's official anthem.

The band first gained national attention with their critically acclaimed debut album 'Wait For Me' which peaked at number three in the charts in 2006.

Six artists will contest the battle to be the soundtrack to the FA Cup, as part of the organisation's 150th birthday celebrations.

MOBO-award-winning rapper Lethal Bizzle kicked off the search in the third round, with VMA-nominated Devlin taking to the stage ahead of Manchester City's defeat of Stoke City at the Britannia Stadium in the previous round.

The Dons were defeated 3-1 in the fifth round tie against Barnsley.

Worker survives nail gun accident

BY DAN PALMER
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A MAN had a miraculous escape after accidently firing a nail gun into his own chest – narrowly missing his heart.

The victim, an employee at city firm AMI Metals, suffered the accident at work. The nail is understood to have lodged in his body just next to his heart.

Staff at the company swung into action to help him and he is now recovering in hospital.

Police, ambulance crews and the Chilton Air Ambulance attended the scene in the early hours of last Tuesday morning, and Milton Keynes Council's Health and Safety Executive has now launched an investigation into the incident.

A police spokesman confirmed that the location of the accident was AMI, which is based on Dunfermline Court in Kingston.

They attended at 7.46am but will be making no further enquiries as the incident is being treated as an industrial accident and a criminal offence has not taken place.

A statement from the South Central Ambulance service confirmed that a big operation had been launched.

"We received a call at 7.34am to an address in Kingston, Milton Keynes," it read.

"A male was injured by a nail gun to which we sent one officer, a rapid response vehicle, a double-manned ambulance, and Thames Valley and Chilton Air Ambulance.

"The patient was conveyed by land to Milton Keynes General Hospital with a serious chest injury. He was later air lifted to Hillingdon Hospital."

No one was available for comment when MK NEWS called AMI on Tuesday.

• Last month, a man in Chicago survived after firing a nail gun into his own brain.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Racism probe dropped

POLICE have ended their investigation into an alleged racist offence against a Barnsley footballer at stadiummk. A spectator was quizzed after MK Dons were knocked out of the FA Cup by the Yorkshire club on Saturday, following a complaint by a third party. "Following enquiries, officers have found no evidence that this was a racist incident," a police spokesman said. Dons have launched their own enquiry.

On your bike Adam

A LOYAL MK Dons fan will cycle 265 miles to see the league match at Carlisle on Saturday. Adam Faiers has cycled to every away match this year in aid of disability sport in Milton Keynes, raising over £2,500.

Decision over shopping centre

COUNCILLORS will meet tomorrow to decide on an application to extend a shopping centre.

The council's planning committee will be sitting down to decide whether thecentre:mk should be allowed to expand, to make way for a three-storey Primark store.

As previously reported, the plan would see part of Secklow Gate bridge removed, and the market moved to a different site.

Last week planning officers recommended refusal of the plans, citing the lack of a 'suitable site' for the market among other reasons. Councillors could choose to ignore this advice.

For the latest on the story see www.mk-news.co.uk.

Police hunt road rage driver

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a road rage incident in Bletchley at 5pm on Saturday.

A man driving his silver Renault Megane at Kellys Kitchen roundabout was cut up by a black BMW. The victim flashed his headlights and the BMW stopped, causing the Megane to brake. The BMW driver eventually stopped the Megane and threatened the victim with a baton before damaging a rear light on the Megane.

The offender is white, around 40, 5ft 10ins, stocky with a black jacket and dark denim jeans.

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How is culling going to help the fox issue?

SIR – I write in response to Jo Downey's letter in last week's paper about culling foxes ('We should cull foxes for the right reasons', MK Letters, February 13).

A survey found that 76 per cent of the public is against fox hunting being legalised, rising to 81 per cent for deer hunting and 83 per cent for hare coursing, based on a survey of 1,943 people. How is culling going to help?

Are you saying you want the council tax rates to go up so we can have these wonderful creatures killed at the taxpayer's expense? And in regards to your point that you made, and I do quote, 'Which would you choose, given the decision? To run around after your chicken, kill it, prepare it and then eat it, or to have one that is handed to you on a plate?'.

Presumably you would be referring to a dead one on a plate? Well how many foxes or domestic cats do you know that eat road kill? I for one do not know any.

However if you refer to an alive chicken on a plate you still have to catch it, kill it, prepare it and then eat it. So I somehow miss your point.

Council tax hikes to kill the foxes in a humane way? Ok, so this pays someone to lay down some pesticides of some kind to cure the problem so the carcasses end up rotting somewhere and causing maggot infestations (assuming this would be the fate of culled foxes) to then receive further public complaints about smell and pollution to then increase council tax further to have the maggot issue sorted out.

Why don't we just lift the ban on fox hunting because before the ban we never had as many issues with foxes to my knowledge. I have heard of three babies being attacked by foxes since the ban.

Graham Watts
Sent by e-mail

Suspicion about plans to merge hospitals

SIR – The reported plans for a merger of Milton Keynes and Bedford hospitals will surely be met with deep suspicion if not outright opposition from MK residents.

An optimist would hope that improvements to the NHS are being considered all the time. But the involvement of consultants, whose function is always to point out how things can be done more cheaply, must ring alarm bells.

Clinical improvements can hardly come from financial consultants. And it is strange that when the press calls for a reduction in 'pen pushers', as if medical staff should do all the paperwork as well, they never mean consultants.

There is a danger when vast sums have been spent on outsiders, management will be unable to halt the momentum towards merger.

We must demand that the benefits of a merger are spelt out by MK Hospital – something it is extremely poor at judging by its previous handouts regarding the so-called benefits of Foundation Trust status.

Jim Lynch
Eaglestone

Do we really have sustainability in MK?

SIR – Following his visit to China, MK Council chief executive David Hill's comments on urban development, as they apply to Milton Keynes, ought not to go unchallenged.

You report him as saying that MK has a 'focus on sustainability' but nothing could be further from the truth. I hope that the Chinese were not taken in by all his propaganda.

How can MK have much of such a focus when, for example, in its LDF (new city plan) it says that 'the car... is expected to remain (for the future) a significant mode of transport in MK'? What at first reading seems to be a fairly innocuous observation, in the absence of any other proposition, becomes actual policy – very clever!

The consequence of this is to perpetuate the current mistake of having a modal split for city movement of 93 per cent car-dependency and three per cent bus-dependency ('The New Plan for MK' – Draft Transport Directions Paper: MK Partnership/MK Council, August 2005). In less statistical and more practical terms this creates an accessibility deficit situation for that 20 per cent of MK's households that do not have a car and for all those other households that only have one.

This is not at all the 'well-connected' city that is boasted about. Additionally, the highly skewed modal split results in higher than there ought to be Co2 emissions. How sustainable is all this?

I suggest that instead of tripping off to China, our chief executive should Eurostar himself off to Freiburg-Vauban in Germany. There he would see in action the reality of attractive and sustainable residential density development allied to high quality public transport.

Mr Hill need look no further than his council's own current 'SITS' transport strategy which I wrote as Chair of Transport in 1999. This is a blueprint for detaching MK from its excessive car-dependency but, while still relevant, is not being implemented.

Instead of making long-haul trips to China, he might do better to rummage around his in-tray for inspiration as to how to stop building the wrong kind of city and seriously pursue sustainability.

Mike O'Sullivan
Stony Stratford

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Taking a trip down memory lane at the BBC

NEWS that the BBC is to sell its iconic Television Centre in Wood Lane, West London led to an emotional trip down memory lane for me last week.

In the late 80s – an era before the internet and even the mobile phone for my younger readers – I spent three years working there.

It was so long ago I qualified for a Young Person's Railcard and did the 60-minute commute each day to Euston. To illustrate further how long ago this was, it was even free parking at Milton Keynes Central rail station and the trains were operated by British Rail!

I worked in the Video Cataloguing Unit in the basement at Television Centre. And the video we used to record shows then was either 1" or 2" wide reels of tape, which seems incredible by today's standards.

Tea breaks and lunchtimes were spent rubbing shoulders with newsreaders, presenters and other big stars. One minute I was sharing a lift with Terry Wogan, the next standing in the canteen with George Michael during a break in rehearsals for Top Of The Pops.

Television Centre was an exciting place to work at a time when there were just four television channels in the UK!

I met up with an ex-colleague in London, who now lives in Australia and works for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and revisited the basement office we once shared.

As we walked through the corridors of this unique building, admiring the photos of stars past and present, we felt a sense of pride that we had been part of television history during its pre-satellite heyday.

***Pictured outside Television Centre in White City is myself and friend and former colleague Simon Bryn.**

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Cllr Sam Crooks presents a cheque to pupils and staff at the Redway School from the Christmas appeal

Xmas appeal raises £5,000

A CHRISTMAS appeal has raised more than £5,000 for four different local beneficiaries.

Councillor Sam Crooks started the appeal which was based on one originally launched by his father in Belfast in 1976 – sitting outside the city's cathedral every day to collect cash from people passing by.

The MK version involved people sitting outside the Christ and Cornerstone Church in December, armed only with a table and a barrel.

Having set an original target of £3,000, the councillor was delighted when the final sum came to a total of £5,186, which will be split between Redway School, Open Door, CAFOD and Milton Keynes YMCA.

Mr Crooks now intends to make the appeal a regular fixture in the city's Christmas festivities.

"We're going to do it for another five years and next year we are hoping to raise £7,000," he said.

"We're also hoping to add a fifth charity that helps vulnerable people."

Fire service 'no' to tax increase

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city's fire service will not be raising the amount of money it charges in council tax.

At a meeting last Wednesday, Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority (BMKFA) voted to freeze its portion of council tax at last year's level.

That means the band D charge for the financial year starting on April 1 will remain at £59.13, or about £1.14 a week. Four pence from every £1 of council tax goes to Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service.

Members set a budget for 2013/14 of just under £29million, which is about £500,000 more than the current year's. They were given the option of freezing council tax for a third successive year and accepting a grant payment of £177,000 in exchange, or increasing the precept by up to 8.46 per cent – equivalent to a £5 a year rise for band D council tax-payers.

This is something they decided against.

Chief fire officer Mark Jones said: "Councillors considered the options and asked us to manage with fewer resources so as not to unduly burden taxpayers who are already hard-hit. I asked members to consider the ramifications of not taking the council tax rises available to them, and they have made an informed decision.

"However continued council tax freezes will have a detrimental impact upon our ability to provide the same level of emergency response in the future."

Councillor Andy Dransfield, a lead member on financial affairs for BMKFA and Milton Keynes Council member, said: "We took this step today in recognition of the tough times people are enduring as we didn't want to add to the hardship they already face."

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Free space at hotel

THE Bull Hotel, Stony Stratford, is set for its official re-opening on April 1st after an £800,000 investment. It will become the first boutique hotel in the town. Now it is offering free meeting or function room space during 2013 to charities or local groups.

Comic Relief events

CAFE Rouge is gearing up to celebrate Red Nose Day as one of the partners in this year's Comic Relief appeal. As well as offering a special Red Nose menu – with a donation from each dish going to charity – the restaurant is holding a series of special events, starting with a School Kids Night on Friday with staff dressed up as naughty school children.

Extra planning powers for city

MILTON Keynes will have more say on its development, after the Government scrapped the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the south of England.

The RSS had set out development plans until 2026, but attracted criticism for ignoring the views of local authorities.

The news was welcomed by city MPs Iain Stewart and Mark Lancaster.

MK South MP Iain Stewart said: "I'm really pleased. Residents and parish councils were concerned they had no say over the planning decisions."

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, said it was 'a step forward for localism'.

More partners for OU scheme

FIVE more universities and the British Library have joined the Futurelearn initiative launched by the MK-based Open University.

The announcement was made by Prime Minister David Cameron on his trip to India and brings to 18 the number of partners in the OU-led scheme.

Futurelearn is Britain's first Massive Open Online Course provider (MOOCs).

City MP Iain Stewart said: "I welcome this. It will help enhance the city's status as a centre of innovation and learning."

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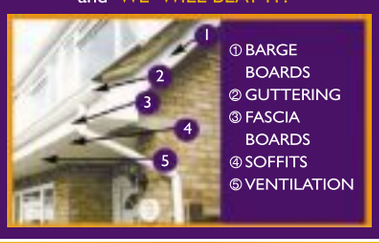

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Keep calm: Volunteers leave the Chrysalis Theatre during a mock fire evacuation held on Monday morning

Theatre stages mock evacuation

THE sight of droves of people leaving their seats is normally a nightmare for theatre owners.

But this time the Chrysalis Theatre was glad to see people getting out as quickly as they could, as they staged a mock fire evacuation on Monday with the help of volunteers.

The theatre needed over 200 people to fill up the seats, and to keep them entertained there was a sneak preview of the latest production from Milton Keynes Theatre of Comedy.

They were also treated to music tracks like 'Fire' by The Crazy World of Arthur Brown!

Theatre manager Martina Fiserova said: "We needed volunteers to help us with this, in order to review our evacuation procedure. Instead of the usual mundane clipboard procedure we thought we would have fun and entertain the audience at the same time".

Decision time on budget savings

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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TONIGHT Milton Keynes councillors will be making the final decisions on how they will save £16.7million out of next year's budget.

For the last three months they have been consulting with residents and each other on a number of money-saving and fund-raising ideas.

One of those proposals includes an increase in council tax of 1.95 per cent. That would add an extra 42p to an average band D property, injecting an extra £1.6million into the coffers of Milton Keynes Council (MKC).

Councillors have already voted to raise rents for council tenants by around £3.26 per week.

Another potential change that could be controversial is an increase in parking charges for all council-run spaces in the city centre. MKC could raise another £1.6million by increasing the charges to £1.40 per hour for premium spaces, and 40p per hour for standard spaces.

All six council-employed neighbourhood wardens, who deal with issues such as antisocial behaviour and litter in some of the city's most troubled estates, will be axed to save £125,000 next year.

Already councillors have agreed not to raise young people's bus fares to 60p per journey from 35p, after speaking to those it would have affected. Instead, the proposal is now to raise them by 10p.

But it's not all cuts and price increases – councillors will also be deciding on spending money to boost the city's bid to be one of the hosts of the 2015 Rugby World Cup. If voted through tonight, MKC has pledged £135,000 to help the cause.

For full reports on all the decisions that affect you, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

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New art exhibition

AN EXHIBITION of work by three local artists will open at the University Centre Milton Keynes on Silbury Boulevard tomorrow night. Titled 'Of The City', it will feature painting, printmaking and photography from three city artists – Andrew Brown, Mat Cross and Jason Duggan. The exhibition runs until March 22.

Hunt for charity

DOBBIES Garden World in Milton Keynes is on the hunt for a local charity to support this year. Charities have until February 28 to apply to Godfrey Ingram at Dobbies MK or you can download an application from www.dobbies.com. Last year Dobbies UK centres raised more than £100,000 for charities.

£3k is raised for ill toddler Henry

A PENNY appeal raising funds for a three-year-old battling cancer raised £3,154 on Sunday.

Henry Allen, from Bletchley, has been diagnosed with High Risk Stage 4 neuroblastoma, which affects the nervous system.

The group hope to raise enough money to send Henry abroad for treatment should he relapse.

The toddler visited each drop-off point, getting hugs from guests Mickey and Minnie Mouse

Henry's mother Dawn said: "We cannot find the words to express how grateful we are to everyone for coming out to bring us their pennies. It was such an amazing, positive day – thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts."

City deal goes to next round

MILTON Keynes' bid for the Government's City Deal has progressed to the next round.

The City Deal would see Government devolve powers to local authorities in exchange for responsibility of boosting growth.

MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, said: "With an already thriving and successful local economy, the news that MK has got through to the next round is fantastic. I am hopeful that we will be triumphant in the next round and that the initiative will further help boost our economy."

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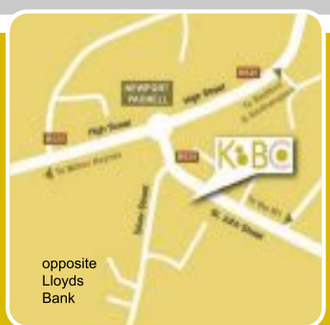

Apple snaps up MK-designed app

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A MOBILE phone app created and designed by a Milton Keynes woman has been snapped up by computer giant Apple.

Bianca Dee Stott sent her fun fortune-telling app to technology specialists Red Ninja Studio's in Liverpool, who forwarded it to Apple.

The app, called Your Fortune, was approved by the US computer giant and is now on sale.

Your Fortune is a phone game that has users picking three numbers through tarot cards, which will then identify the answers to any questions you may have about your life.

Bianca, from Oldbrook, came up with the idea of the fortune-telling phone game after seeing her favourite band, the gypsy punk outfit Gogol Bordello.

"I saw the band and when I woke up in the morning I decided that I wanted to do something," she said. "I came up with the idea of the game and I collaborated with a few people and sent it off."

Bianca, who started her own company last February, worked with former Northampton College art student Abby Collins on the production of Your Fortune.

Appy: Bianca is delighted after Apple took on her app, shown *inset*

Bianca also spends time painting, and auctions her work with any money going towards the funding of the app, which she says is designed to entertain.

"It's not tacky, it's a bit of fun with some beautiful artwork in it," she said.

Bianca was in thecentre:mk when she received the phone call telling her that the app had been green-lighted on Christmas Eve.

"I was in the shops when I got the call," says Bianca. "They asked if I was sitting down but I wasn't.

"When they told me it had gone through I jumped up and down and screamed on the spot.

"It looked quite childish but I was so shocked, because this is my first application."

The app is available to all iPhone users, and costs 67p, of which 10p will go to the World Wildlife Federation and the Gypsy Council in Leeds.

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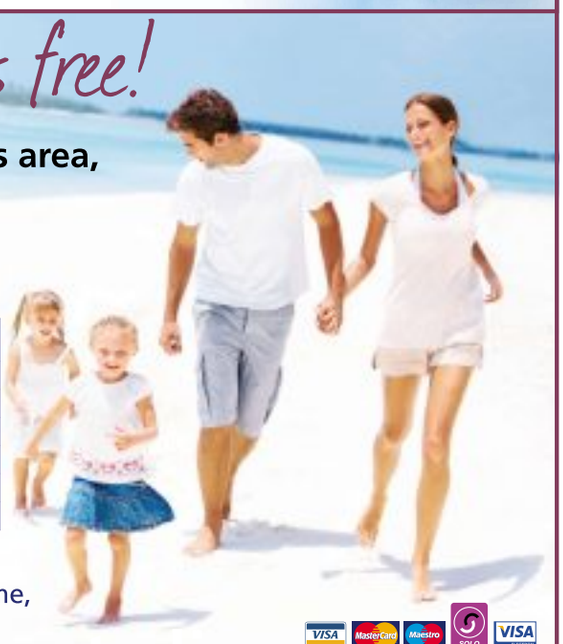

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Shopping centre 'is close to sale'

BY DAN PALMER
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MIDSUMMER Place could be about to change hands as part of near £250million deal.

Current owners Legal & General Property are said to be negotiating the sale of the CMK shopping centre, according to reports in the property trade.

Capital Shopping Centres (CSC) are the reported buyers and the deal is said to value about £248m.

Talks with CSC are said to already be at an advanced stage but all parties declined to comment on the speculation.

In December, MK NEWS reported that Midsummer Place could be sold by L&G.

The company said it was running the rule over a number of options after previously considering bringing in a partner to run the centre as a joint venture.

A number of bidders came forward, and some of those offered to buy the centre outright.

At the time a spokesman said: "Legal & General Property has owned Midsummer Place since 2003, during which time it has put in place a significant number of asset management initiatives in order to successfully improve the tenant mix and drive footfall.

Shopping centre sale: Midsummer Place is said to be close to changing hands in a deal worth in the region of £250million

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"These potential investors are of a similar size to us and share our vision for the centre.

"We are currently carefully considering our options, but are a long way off making any decisions."

In December the spokesman added that any changes would not effect plans to expand the shopping centre, saying: "In the meantime, most importantly, we continue to focus our efforts on actively managing the asset and the extension proposals."

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Dame did not know our Greg!

BY DAN PALMER
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DAME Tessa Jowell has revealed to MK College students how she met city Olympic hero Greg Rutherford on the day of his gold medal triumph – but didn't know who he was.

The former Shadow Minister for the Olympics explained how she bumped into a tall red-haired man before asking the long jumper what event he competed in.

After wishing him good luck Ms Jowell then saw Rutherford leap to glory in London just two hours later, on the night that would become known as 'Super Saturday'.

The revelation came during a talk to students and staff at the college, which has a growing reputation for sport courses.

Many people in the country were surprised at Rutherford's success, but not those in Milton Keynes.

Ms Jowell also said that coordinating the capital's successful bid to host the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games was the greatest achievement of her political career.

She said that she always believed that the Olympics would 'showcase the best of modern Britain' – a Britain where 'our diversity, and our organisational and creative skills would be fully on display'.

"It's incredible what can be achieved as a group if you don't mind who takes the credit," she added.

College principal, Dr Julie Mills, said: "It is inspiring for students and staff at the college to hear how Tessa Jowell won through in the battle to host the games."

Speech: Dame Tessa Jowell told MK College students she didn't recognise Greg Rutherford

Minister praises Denbigh School

A SENIOR member of the Government has praised one the city's schools.

David Laws, Minister of State for Schools, congratulated Denbigh School on its excellent GCSE performance in 2012.

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In a letter from Mr Laws to headteacher Sarah Parker, he said: "Your school is exceptionally effective in educating its pupils."

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Williams bags Player of the Month award

BY DAN PALMER
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SHAUN Williams is the third member of the Dons squad to be named as Player of the Month.

The defender was your choice for the January gong in the MK Dons/MK NEWS competition.

Williams said: "I was really flattered to be named the Player of the Month for January, and it is a great honour knowing it is the fans who have voted.

"I would like to thank everyone who voted. Ultimately it is a team effort, so I'll accept this on behalf of the team."

MK NEWS has teamed up with Karl Robinson's men to allow fans to vote for their choice of player every month, by simply using a free online poll.

It means that the best performing members of the squad receive a monthly honour and one fan who votes will also be selected at random to win two top prizes.

The lucky supporter gets to present the winning player with a bottle of champagne before a home match, and then watch the game for free, with a guest of their choice, courtesy of two complimentary Club Red tickets.

Irishman Williams put in a number of solid performances in the heart of the Dons defence during a January which saw Robinson's side pick up a victory, a draw and a defeat from three League One games against Notts County, Bury and Yeovil respectively.

There were also memorable FA Cup victories over Sheffield Wednesday and Queens Park Rangers.

Dons fan Robert Quirke was the winning supporter for January, after he voted for Williams in the poll.

To vote for February visit www.mk-news.co.uk and click the Player of the Month box on the left side of the page.

Williams is the third player to win, following on from Luke Chadwick and Antony Kay.

Bubbly: Robert Quirke and Shaun Williams

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Announcer Pete chokes on words

BY DAN PALMER
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A CITY man who has become 'the voice' of major sporting events, has revealed how he struggled to announce the goals during one of MK Dons' greatest triumphs.

That's because Queens Park Rangers fan Pete Nuttall is the stadium announcer at Loftus Road – the scene of Dons' superb 4-2 victory in the FA Cup fourth round last month.

As the city side raced into a 4-0 lead against their Premier League opponents not many could believe what was going on – least of all Pete, who had to confirm the names of scorers Dean Lewington, Ryan Lowe, Ryan Harley and Darren Potter.

"It was difficult," he said. "It was good to see a team from Milton Keynes do so well, but as a QPR fan I was gutted."

Pete, from Crownhill, announces as part of his business P10 Productions, which provides match day entertainment packages.

He has also flexed his vocal chords for rugby union side Wasps, rugby league outfit Leeds Rhinos and Northamptonshire County Cricket club, as well as major events like the Super League grand final, the rugby league World Cup, the rugby league Challenge Cup, the London rugby sevens at Twickenham, and the 2012 Paralympics in London.

PA man: Pete Nuttall making the announcements at Twickenham

After initially working at QPR as a DJ he has been announcing at the Hoops, who are battling against relegation to the Championship, for 15 years.

"You have to be a fan I think, as it's hard to fake it," he said.

"I have been lucky enough to be at some great events. The Paralympics was tremendous."

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"It's about everything to do with a sporting event apart from the game itself," said, Pete, who is also involved with local rugby league side Milton Keynes Wolves.

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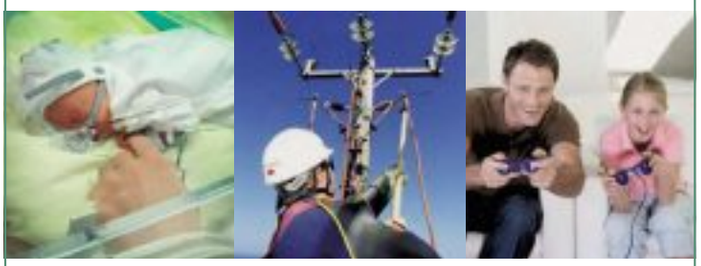

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MK-born chef rated one of the best in NY

Laurie Jon Moran, who was born and lived in Milton Keynes until he was 12, has received praise for his skills from the New York Times

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A PASTRY chef born in Milton Keynes has been named as one of the best in New York.

Laurie Jon Moran, 32, lived with his parents in the city for twelve years before moving to Northampton, and enrolling on a full-time cookery course at Northampton College.

Last year he became the Executive Pastry chef at Le Bernardin in New York, one of the city's leading restaurants.

The restaurant specialises in French cuisine, and holds three Michelin stars, and the highest rating of four stars from the New York Times.

Critics, including those from the New York Times, who named Laurie as one of the best chefs in the city, were left deeply impressed by his work.

For Laurie, the journey from Milton Keynes to New York has been a difficult one, but the praise has made it all worthwhile.

Laurie said: "I knew I wanted to be chef at a very young age. "This is my first head pastry chef position.

"Having my own kitchen and my own team and being able to develop my own style is the part I enjoy the most.

"But it's not just about me – there's a lot of collaboration at Le Bernardin. It almost feels like a family here."

Before moving to America, Laurie worked at St. Martin's Lane Hotel in London and he also worked for TV chef Raymond Blanc at his Michelin-starred restaurant, Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Oxford.

He also offered sound advice for any young people who want to follow his path as a chef.

"I followed my passion but to be a great chef it also takes a lot of hard work and dedication," he said.

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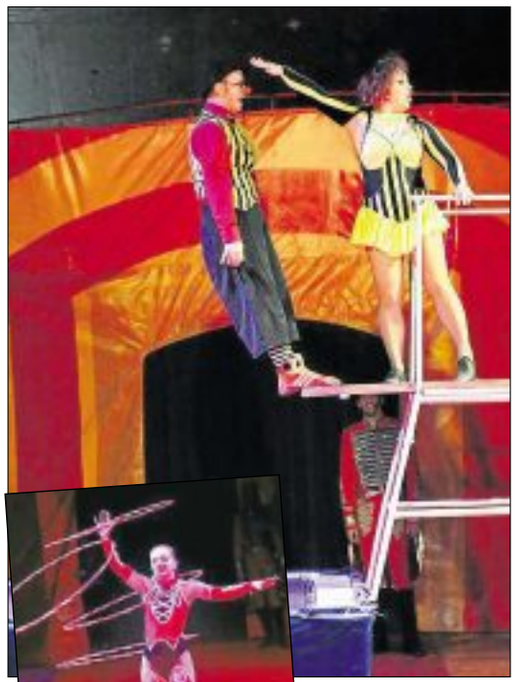

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Pop duo reveals plan for album in summer

Mister Vee, *left*, and Jamie Stimpson are releasing the album Judgement Day in August, following the success of their singles

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A POP duo from Milton Keynes has revealed plans to record a debut album for release in the summer.

Jamie Stimpson and Alfie Desborough, who goes by the stage name Mister Vee, exclusively told MK NEWS they will be working with rapper Alonestar on the record – a cousin of pop sensation Ed Sheeran.

The album, which will be called Judgment Day, is set to be released in August following their success in the singles charts.

The pair met at a local studio label, and just eight months later they had released the singles When Sorry Doesn't Work, Can't Keep Fighting and Alive.

The latter song managed to reach Number 21 on the R&B iTunes chart.

Jamie and Alfie say that the album, which is being recorded in Mister Vee's garage, will add to their repertoire of live songs.

Jamie said: "We didn't just want another 15 songs, we wanted songs that meant something to us. You will hear on the album songs about losing people close to you, and how it affects you."

The pair say that their close friendship pays off in the songs that they write.

"I do use things from Jamie's life that inspire me, and he does the same with me. We do work well together," said 21-year-old Alfie, who hails from Great Linford and attended Sir Frank Markham Community School.

Jamie, 23, who attended Stantonbury School, said: "I didn't really know I could sing until I was 17 when I tried karaoke, then my mum and dad paid for a studio session. After my father died it gave me the motivation to pursue it."

The duo will also collaborate with rapper Alonestar, aka Jethro Sheeran.

"We met Alonestar at a gig and he liked what we did," explains Jamie.

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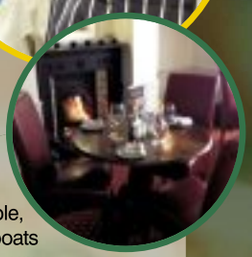

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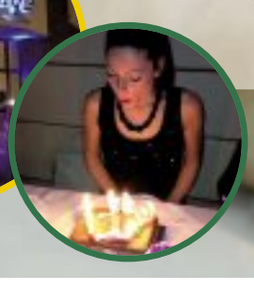

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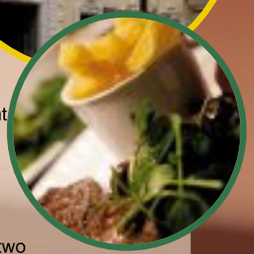

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Anger over path hit by flood water

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A LOCAL councillor is fed up of people having to use a flooded path in Oldbrook.

Cllr Isabella Fraser, the vice chairman of Campbell Park Parish Council, says the redway path, which runs through Evans Gate between the city centre and Winterhill, is a nuisance for people who must delve through it or walk on its muddy banks.

"This is one of the busiest paths by the city centre," said Cllr Fraser. "Cyclists, mums with pushchairs and those on mobility scooters, who may be going to the nearby nursery or Sainsbury's, have no alternative but to plough through it.

"The grass bank, which because any drainage it once had has now disappeared, is a muddy, sodden mess.

"My patience and that of the residents and taxpayers I serve has gone, and we are heartily sick of this," added Cllr Fraser.

There is some dispute as to where responsibility for the flooding lies.

The footpath belongs to Milton Keynes Council, the grass slope on Childs Way to the Parks Trust, and bushes to the west belong to building owners.

No patience: Cllr Fraser says residents are fed up of crossing the flooded path – one of the busiest walkways by the centre of the city

The chief executive of the Parks Trust, David Foster, says that his organisation is not to blame.

"Under the terms of our ownership of the land, it says very clearly that we are not responsible for preventing surface water, and that this is the responsibility of Milton Keynes Council," he told MK NEWS.

Cllr John Bint said that if it was determined the responsibilty lay with the council, then it would 'look into' the matter as soon as possible.

"We will send a team to look at it and try and fix it, but it's worth pointing out that the drainage system in the city acts in times of downpour to keep water from running into the river too quickly," Mr Bint told MK NEWS.

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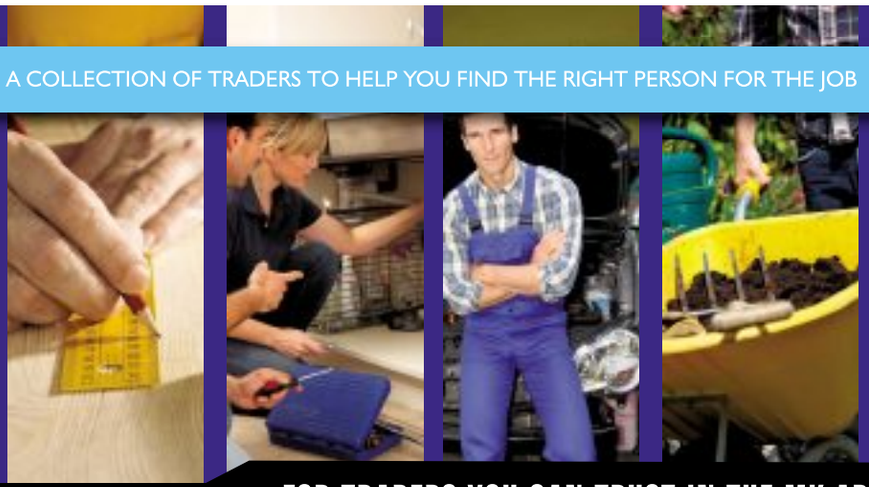

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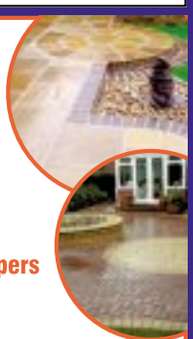

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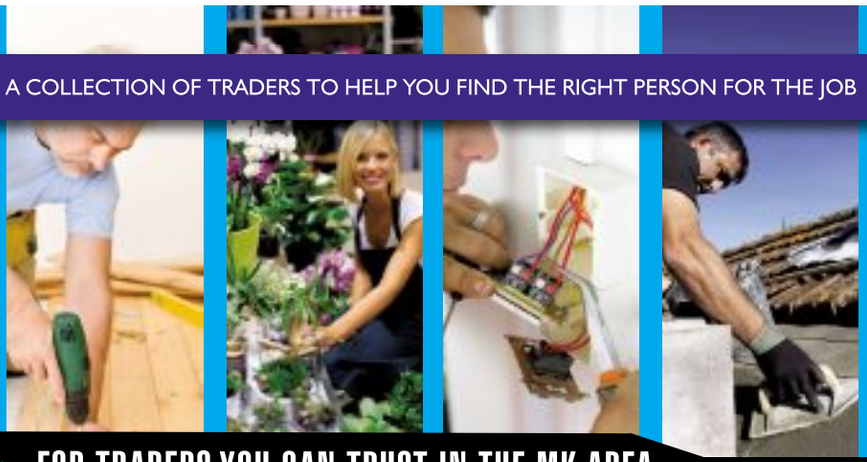

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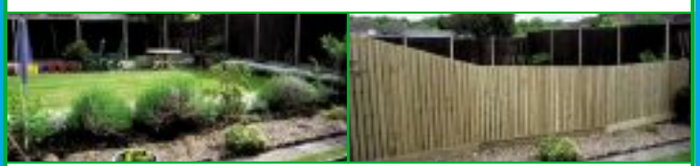

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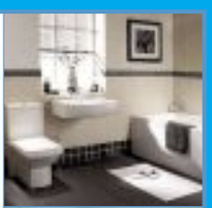

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GIVE in to the rhythm of the drums on Sunday as a Japanese musical and theatrical extravaganza hits the Milton Keynes stage.

The exuberant and noisy Yamato Drummers are coming to Milton Keynes Theatre for what is certain to be a memorable performance.

Yamato are master performers who take the ancient art of taiko drumming and bring it bang up-to-date in an exhilarating display of expertise and athleticism that has thrilled audiences worldwide.

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Yamato's nine performers display their breathtaking expertise on more than 20 drums, varying from huge barrel-like Odaikos to hand-held instruments.

Combined with exquisite bronze cymbals, vocals and bamboo flutes, Yamato create a kaleidoscope of sound.

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sugarman

SEARCHING for Sugar Man is this week's Friday Night Film offering at the MK Gallery.

It's a documentary which tells the fascinating true story of musician called Rodriguez, who was discovered in a Detroit bar in the late 1960s.

An album was recorded which some believed would secure his reputation as the 'greatest recording artist of his generation'. But it failed to become a hit and Rodriguez would later disappear without trace.

Two fans try to track him down and see if rumours of his death are true.

Tickets are £5 or £3 for concessions, and you can book on 01908 676 900.

There's a free drink for anyone who books before the day. The film starts at 7pm.

cloudatlas

CLOUD Atlas is the latest novel to be given the epic big screen treatment and hit cinemas.

David Mitchell (not the guy from Peep Show!) penned the book which consists of six different stories from various different times and places.

These range from the South Pacific in 1849 to a post apocalyptic earth in 2321, with trips to the UK in 2012 and South Korea in 2144 to be enjoyed along the way.

The stories intertwine and show how people from various eras can impact those who are born hundreds of years later.

Tom Hanks, Halle Berry and Jim Broadbent lead an all-star cast in a film which science-fiction fans will love, but be prepared for a long haul – the running time comes in at just under three hours.

spokenword

THERE'S a spoken word performance to enjoy at MK Gallery tomorrow as part of the weekly Scratch Nights.

My Name Is Mud is an online archive of short fiction and poetry edited by artist and writer, Adam J Maynard.

His aim is to provide a platform for new and interesting writers who may not have had anything published in the past.

Experimental short fiction and poetry is encouraged, as well as what some call 'flash fiction' – extremely quick tales and stories.

Check www.mkgallery.org for the start time and more details.

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Night In | The Stables | MK Theatre

boogienights

BOOGIE Nights was the West End's original jukebox musical and after touring the world it returns in 2013 as a remixed concert version of the ultimate party show.

Set in a provincial British town at the height of the disco 70s, it follows the hilarious and heart-warming story of Roddy O'Neil, featuring no less than 70 of your favourite hit songs from the era.

Worldwide superstars The Osmonds appear together in a musical for the first time, and perform classics alongside their hits. Joining them is Gareth Gates, following his recent appearances in West End classics such as Les Miserables and Legally Blonde.

The show is on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets from £27.50 from www.atgtickets.com.

anothercrysis

THERE seems to be a new shooting game out every week at the moment and here's the latest: Crysis 3.

As you may have guessed it's the third in a trilogy so the storyline does follow on from previous .

That doesn't mean you can't get stuck in though, with the game due for release on PC, PS3 and Xbox360 on Friday.

Set in 2047, players once again take on the role of 'The Prophet' as he returns to New York City.

He discovers that a large dome has been put over the city, put there by an organisation known as C.E.L.L.

jazzsounds

LEGENDARY trumpeter Kenny Ball will be appearing at The Stables on Tuesday night – along with his Jazzmen of course.

Described as the most successful jazz trumpet player this side of the Atlantic, Ball's landmark recordings, including 'Midnight in Moscow', helped to catapult him towards global fame.

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tastytreat

WHEN I heard The Swan in Salford had undergone a makeover I wondered how it could be improved – I'm still telling people about the Sunday lunch I ate on my last visit!

But when we arrived we were greeted with a stylish new look and an even better menu by award-winning head chef Mark Austin.

There was something to tickle everyone's tastebuds, from the classic chicken and steak dishes to the more unusual ox cheek and ale pie and slow poached sea trout. There was also an extensive specials board, where all the chefs are encouraged to put their creative juices to good use, and an extensive wine list,

The starter of beetroot, parsnip and apple soup served with chunky slices of toast was delicious, as were the scallops and pork belly.

I like risotto creamy and packed full of flavour and that's exactly what I got with the red pepper, pea and chorizo one I chose. The Swan's steaks are supplied by award-winning butcher Aubrey Austin, which has recently been awarded the honour to supply its goods to the royal family. The fillet steak with chunky chips and béarnaise sauce was sublime and among the best my guest had ever tasted. Our desserts of rhubarb and vanilla trifle and chocolate truffle were equally as impressive.

All of the dishes were beautifully presented and wouldn't have looked out of place at a Michelin-starred restaurant – even the butter that accompanied our bread was wrapped up to look like sweets and the béarnaise sauce was served in a mini copper saucepan.

The same attention to detail is also available to anyone looking to mark a special occasion as The Swan has a private dining room called The Barn, which offers bespoke menus for all kinds of celebrations from wedding breakfasts to dinner parties that are created by Mark.

The fabulous food, superb service and great atmosphere make dining at The Swan (01908 281008) a real treat. I would put it in the top flight of good places to eat in the Milton Keynes area.

Review by Cally Jenkins

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

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activityday

A CHILDREN'S indoor activity day is being held at a new centre on the edge of the city on Friday.

Between 10am-4pm, kids can take part in a variety of activities including laser tag, archery, Segways, and 4x4 off-road thrill rides at Experience the Country on Drayton Road in Newton Longville.

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moviemadness

IF YOU love movies, and are stuck for something to do in your last few days of half term, then head down to Xscape!

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highdrama

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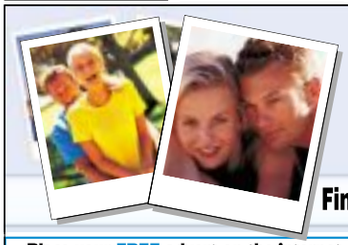

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single women

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KERRY pretty 32yr old single mum of one, size 10, OHAC, eager to move on and enjoy male companionship and ttc, single dad welcome, age/looks not important. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 401823**

60YR old female, slim, 5ft 2ins, red/brown hair, green eyes, likes meals out, walks, travelling, seeking male for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 394338**

NICKI intelligent, petite, slim feminine v.discreet female 35yrs, loves role play, seeking similar discreet professional for lots of adult fun and games. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 401635**

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SHARON 34 single mum with OHAC, likes nights in/out, cinema, GSOH with lots to offer genuine guy with good heart, looks/age not important. Single dads welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 400125**

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SHARON 33yr old attractive curvy female recently single looking for similar fed up male to enjoy meals in/out hopefully much much more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 400463**

JAN young 60yr old, attractive, 5ft 7ins, likes nights in/out, meals out, cooking, walks, seeks honest male for special friendship, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 401103**

I'M Penny a curvy attractive brunette, outgoing with fun loving personality looking for love in 2013, if you feel the same call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 400443**

SAM 35 green eyed curvy busty female with a real love of sport, theatre, red wine and travel, WLTM articulate older male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 401453**

NICKY pretty sick of being single female 38, GSOH, seeking similar lonely male to chill out with and hopefully get to know a little better. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 400355**

JACKIE lonely discreet 30's female with many interests, WLTM kind professional male to share nice times with. Status/age/looking unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 400451**

VICKY curvy attractive blonde, genuine, caring with many interests, OHAC and healthy bank account, looking for male for meals out, love and romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 400461**

LUCY 39yr old sexy black beauty who enjoys sun, love and laughter looking for clean intelligent male for naughty daytime fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 400447**

JULIE lonely female looking to meet family orientated male with good values to share romance, cosy nights in/out and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 400193**

KAY 40's female outgoing, likes nights in/out, good wine/food, WLTM male to get to know a little better, pls get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 400185**

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ANDREW 50, fed up being alone, seeks female 50 plus for fun, friendship and TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 394340**

GEORGE likes nights in and out, seeking female for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 401877**

ASIAN male, 45, educated, fun, seeks friends with benefits, likes cooking and gives great massage. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 401859**

HEALTHY athletic, fit man, kind, loving nature, creative, seeks female for friendship and love. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 393226**

YOUNG at heart, fit, fun 54yr old professional male, 5ft 7ins, brown hair, OHAC, fun to be with, easy going, sporty, WLTM fun female, 50-60. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 398261**

STEVE 43, cropped hair, green eyes, cheeky smile, looking for older female, 55-65 for fun and friendship. Southampton area. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 393844**

TALL slim, solvent male, attractive, seeks female, any age/status for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 394118**

FRIENDLY mature white male, seeks gentle love affection and friendship from a warm, tactile black/white female of any age. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 394407**

MICHAEL early 70's, feels like 60, 5ft 6ins, seeks adventurous female, any age to share good things in life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 398257**

5FT 7ins slim-medium built male with varied interests WLTM friendly, easy going female for cosy nights in and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3674 Box No: 394985**

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There are three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, double glazed windows, detached double garage with electric up-and-over doors, off road parking for numerous vehicles, alarm, gas to radiator central heating and enclosed rear gardens with a southerly aspect.

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Full colour details can be found by visiting www.beasley-partners.co.uk.

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- Beautiful Detached Residence
- Landscaped Gardens to Four Sides
- Walled Frontage with Wrought Iron Gates
- Ample Parking and Triple Garaging
- Leisure Wing and Swimming Pool
- Extensive Block Paved Driveway

£1,000,000

Shenley Church End

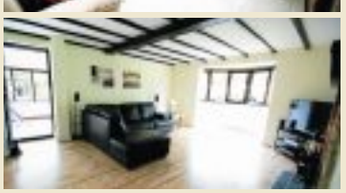
A spacious five bedroom detached executive residence situated in the sought after area of Shenley Church End.

- Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Room, Utility and Cloakroom
- Two En-Suites
- Double Garage
- Rear Garden

£375,000

Willen Park

Overlooking a park system near the 'Grand Union Canal' in Willen Park this property boasts a private entrance, generous gravel parking and gardens.

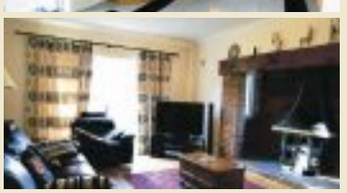


- Private Entrance
- Generous Parking
- Integral Double Garage
- Four Bedrooms
- Good Sized Gardens
- Balcony

£525,000

Furzton

Similar Properties Required.
Situated in an off road location with views across Furzton Lake. Includes five bedrooms, three en-suites, lounge with Inglenook fireplace and study.



- Mcann Built
- Executive House
- Views over Furzton Lake
- Double Garage
- Entrance Hall
- Downstairs Cloakroom

£650,000

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A rare opportunity to acquire a wonderfully positioned five bedroom detached bungalow occupying a half acre (approx.) plot with stunning views over open countryside. Situated on a quiet leafy lane in the popular village of Great Brickhill.

- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking

£600,000

Woughton on the Green

Taylors executive homes in Milton Keynes are offering for sale this exceptional four bedroom detached family house in the very exclusive residential area of 'Woughton on the Green'.

- Detached Family House
- Four Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite
- Double Garage

£475,000

Walnut Tree

A well presented and spacious four double bedroom detached bungalow in this sought after area of Walnut Tree. Benefitting from re-fitted double glazing throughout and a generous plot.

- Four Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- En-Suite to Master
- Private Gardens

£475,000

Two Mile Ash

An immaculate four bedroom detached property on a good size plot with open views over the golf course to the front of the property. Viewing is highly recommended.

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Study/Family Room

£425,000

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Tuffnell Close £305,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Utility Room
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Shower En-Suite

Coberley Close £285,000

- Four double bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/diner
- Conservatory
- Double glazed
- Gas to radiator heating
- Driveway

Hargreaves Nook £300,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom

Newport Road £270,000

- Recently constructed
- Four Bedroom
- Detached Town House
- Ensuite Bathroom

Parker Close £270,000

- Detached House
- Five Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Off Road Parking

Simpson £250,000

- 1900's Character property
- Private 80ft Garden
- Lounge 14'2" x 13'1"
- Dining Room 14'2" x 13'1"

Rogers Croft £250,000

- Two Bedroom
- Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Dining Room

Norden Mead £225,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/ Dining Room
- Bathroom

Edmund Court £250,000

- Detached Split Level House
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Four Bedrooms
- Gas To Radiator Heating

Blackheath Crescent £165,000

- Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- Gardens

Cantle Avenue £215,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite
- Garage
- No Chain

Ramsay Close £160,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Detached House
- No Upper Chain
- Downstairs Cloakroom

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Milton Road £280,000

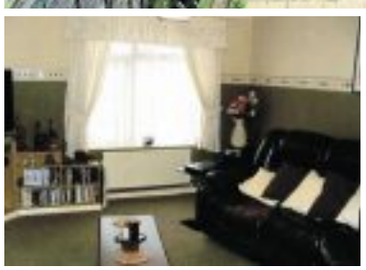
- Spacious and Well Presented
- Five Bedroom Townhouse
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Refitted En-Suite

Kidd Close £158,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Situated in Cul-de-Sac
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Double Glazing
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Garage & Gardens

Angel Close £144,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Front
- Rear Garden



Mullion Place £140,000

- Townhouse
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Shower Room
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Converted Garage

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Newport Pagnell £480,000
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites
- Integral Double Garage
- Kitchen/Breakfast/Dining Room

South MK £275,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining room
- Living Room
- WC
- Bathroom
- En-suite

Tattenhoe £349,000
- Four Bedroom with Two En-Suites
- Kitchen
- Seperate Dining Room
- Garage

South Milton Keynes £310,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Living room
- Kitchen/dining
- WC

East Milton Keynes £259,950
- Four Bedrooms
- Living/Dining Room
- Walton High School Catchment
- Master with En-Suite

East Milton Keynes £256,500
- Three to Four Bedrooms
- Living/Dining
- Kitchen
- En-Suite

South Milton Keynes £250,000
- Contemporary Design
- No Chain
- NHBC
- Hassle Free Part Exchange Available

Milton Keynes £230,000
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Reception Room
- Two Bathrooms

North Milton Keynes £134,495
- Two Bedrooms
- Living/Dining/Kitchen
- Bathroom

East Milton Keynes £225,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Walton High School Catchment

North Milton Keynes £169,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Living/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

Milton Keynes £137,500
- One Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom

East Milton Keynes £142,950
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Living Area
- Bathroom

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STONY STRATFORD 01908 563825

£350,000

- Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden
- Double Garage

Glebe Road £185,000

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Hale Avenue £155,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

Sidlaw Court £130,000

- End Terrace House
- No Upper Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Hunter Drive £170,000

- Freehold
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Four Piece Bathroom Suite
- Integral Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- No Chain

Drayton Road £220,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking

Buckingham Road £170,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Garden

Enigma Place £169,950

- Modern Three Bedroom House
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden

Baisley Gardens £125,000

- Retirement Home
- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Over 55s
- Open Plan Living/Kitchen Area
- Internal Viewing Recommended
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- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

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Newton Road £114,995

- Character Cottage
- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Courtyard Garden

Stephenson House £70,000

- Second Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Double Glazing & Central Heating
- No Chain

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SALES AND LETTINGS
NEWPORT PAGNALL 01908 611966

Flora Thompson Drive £340,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Gardens

Kilpin Green £325,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Off Road Parking

Stanmore Gardens £275,000

- Extended Detached Property
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

Mountsfield Close £250,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Double Garage
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

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SALES AND LETTINGS WOLVERTON 01908 312623

Great Linch £309,995

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Conservatory

Corris Court £235,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge Diner/ Kitchen
- Ensuite
- Bathroom

Woburn Sands £200,000

- Two Double Bedroom Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Village Location
- Re-Fitted Kitchen Diner

Kingston £190,000

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- L-Shaped Lounge/Diner
- Master with Built-in Wardrobes

Kingston £170,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen Diner
- Driveway & Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

Middleton £165,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Master En-Suite

Middleton £159,995

- Top Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner with Balcony
- Fitted Kitchen

Studley Knapp £145,000

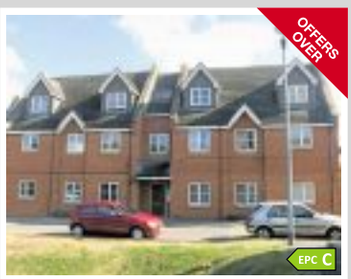
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom

Wolverton £230,000

- Three/Four Bedroom
- Study
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room

Wolverton £160,000

- Bay Fronted Terraced Property
- Off Road Parking
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Garden, No Chain
- Double Glazed



New Bradwell £125,000

- Ground Floor Flat
- Open plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing

Bradville £90,000

- One bedroom
- Refitted Oak style kitchen
- Study/storage room
- Garden

Greenleys £125,000

- Three Bedroom
- Terrace Property
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazed
- Garden
- Gas to Radiator Heating

Wolverton Mill £48,000

- 40% Shared Ownership
- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Bathroom

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Oxley Park £425,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Master with En-Suite

Tattenhoe £385,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory with Under Floor Heating

Emerson Valley £359,995
- Four Bedrooms
- Study
- Kitchen
- Utility Room

Kingsmead £349,950
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception
- Four Bathrooms
- Garage

Emerson Valley £335,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Driveway, Double Garage

Furzton £299,995
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Gardens

Westcroft £275,000
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- En-Suite to Master

Shenley Lodge £250,000
- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Master with En-Suite

Westcroft £250,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Master & Second with En-Suites
- Front & Rear Gardens

Westcroft £299,995
- Semi Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms

Crownhill £240,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Master with En-Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens

Shenley Brook End £240,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen, Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory

Oakhill £230,000
- Four Bedroom Property
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Two En-Suites

Westcroft £225,000
- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory

Shenley Brook End £180,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Medbourne £149,950
- Duplex Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Allocated Parking

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Dove Lane £299,995

- Four Bedroom Property
- Character Features
- Separate Lounge
- Village Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- No Chain
- Similar Required

Silver End £200,000

- Two Bedroom Cottage
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden
- No Chain
- Close to Amenities
- Similar Required

Bedford Road East £125,000

- Brand New Penthouse Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living/Kitchen Area
- Family Bathroom
- Shared Ownership
- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Recommended
- Similar Required

High Street £179,950

- Cottage Style House
- New Build
- Low Maintenance
- Builder Garantee
- Three Bedrooms
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Village Location
- Similar Required

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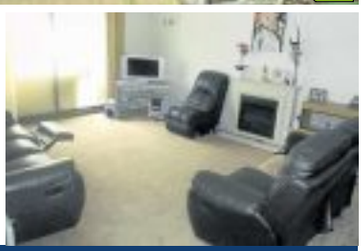
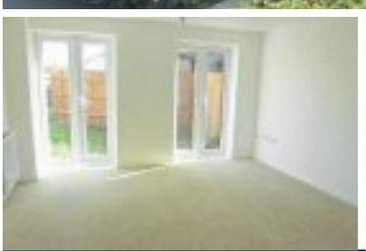


Furzton **£310,000**

Well presented four bedroom chalet style bungalow benefitting from two bathrooms, off road parking, utility room and conservatory. The accommodation briefly comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room, two bedrooms downstairs, two further bedrooms upstairs, a further bathroom and front and rear gardens.

Cosgrove **£265,000**

Stamp duty incentive available. A three double bedroom detached house in the highly sought after location of Cosgrove, comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, dining room, lounge, three double bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking and double garage.



Milton Keynes **£249,950**

Four bedroom new home designed with a flexible layout. Comprising kitchen/diner, cloakroom, living room, double bedroom with balcony overlooking a green conservation area, three further bedrooms, en-suite, bathroom, carport and additional visitor parking to the front.

Conniburrow **£140,000**

Well presented three bedroom property benefitting from gas central heating. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, three bedrooms, family bathroom and rear gardens.

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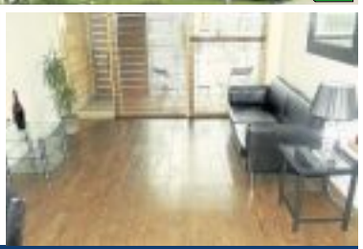
East Milton Keynes **£229,500**

New three bedroom detached home with open plan living area, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, master en-suite, double bedroom, single bedroom, family bathroom and airing cupboard. Outside there is a driveway with off road parking.

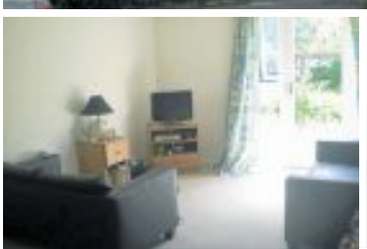


Merrivale Mews **£195,000**

Well presented two bedroom apartment with master en-suite, lounge & kitchen with balcony, secure parking and communal gardens with water feature.

Eaglestone **£137,500**

A well presented three bedroom house with garage in Eaglestone, Milton Keynes. The property comprises entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage with off road parking.



Milton Keynes **£109,950**

Ground floor apartment with two bedrooms, lounge/diner, kitchen and allocated parking.

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Sales and Lettings
Newport Pagnell 01908 611388

Newport Pagnell £359,995

Four bedroom semi detached property set in a private cul-de-sac location. The property comprises two reception rooms, two bathrooms, kitchen/diner and garage.

Newport Pagnell £290,000

Five bedroom semi detached property which lies in the catchment area of Portfields primary school and Ousedale secondary. Includes en-suite to master, family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

Broughton £270,000

Four bedroom detached property with a single garage situated in the popular location of Broughton. The property comprises study, lounge, dining room, master with en-suite and family bathroom.

Newport Pagnell £265,000

Four bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge, kitchen/diner in a very open plan style, en-suite and balcony to master, family bathroom and gardens to the front and rear.

Cranfield £230,000

Three double bedroom chalet style bungalow situated in a rural location. The property offers versatile living accommodation with separate reception rooms and feature fireplaces.

Giffard Park £225,000

Three bedroom link-detached property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, family bathroom, driveway leading to garage, front and rear gardens and UPVC double glazing.

Cranfield £229,995

Set in a cul-de-sac of only six houses, this four bedroom detached house benefits from short walking distances for local amenities and flexible living accommodation.

Property of the week

Newport Pagnell £200,000

Three bedroom semi detached property in the Portfields primary school and Ousedale secondary school catchment area. Comprises sitting room with open fireplace, fitted kitchen, re-fitted bathroom, double glazing and off road parking for three cars and a detached single garage.

Blakelands £180,000

Three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprises of lounge/diner, kitchen, integral garage, first floor landing, three double bedrooms, re-fitted family bathroom, driveway and rear garden.

Willen £163,000

Two bedroom house benefits from short walks to local shops and lake. The house offers two double bedrooms, with a refurbished shower room, whilst outside there are front and rear gardens.

Newport Pagnell £115,000

One bedroom ground floor apartment situated in the popular Penny Royal Estate in Newport Pagnell. The property in brief comprise of entrance hall, fitted kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, rear garden and allocated parking.

Newport Pagnell £105,000

One bedroom mid terrace property situated in the highly sought after location of Green Park, briefly comprises: kitchen, lounge, bathroom, bedroom, rear garden and parking to rear of property.

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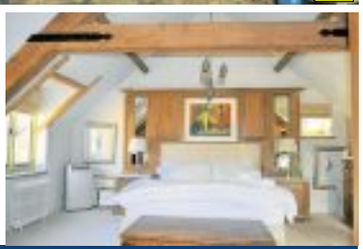
Olney 01234 711 481

Property of the week



Newton Blossomville £1,000,000

Stone built property with views over countryside includes sitting room with inglenook fireplace and vaulted ceilings, fitted kitchen/diner, family room, study, four bedrooms, two en-suites and a paddock.

Stagsden £499,995

Detached house with four bedrooms set in a good location with countryside views. Comprises sitting room overlooking the rear garden, family room, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room and double garage.

Carlton £185,000

Detached three bedroom property in a quiet cul-de-sac location comprising sitting/dining room, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. There are front and rear gardens and a drive leading to a garage.

Olney £235,000

End terrace property boasting features such as sash cord windows and an open fireplace. Accommodation comprises kitchen/breakfast room, three piece shower room, two double bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Lavendon £205,000

Three bedroom terraced property in a cul-de-sac location comprising re-fitted kitchen with appliances, conservatory, re-fitted bathroom, driveway leading to a garage and an enclosed rear garden.

Olney £194,950

End terrace property close to the centre of Olney comprising dining room with open fireplace, re-fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms and a re-fitted family bathroom whilst outside there is a courtyard garden.

Bozeat £170,000

Three bedroom semi detached property in need of modernisation comprising kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, storage and bathroom whilst outside there are gardens to the front, side and rear.

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WOLVERTON £185,000

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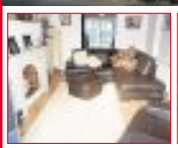
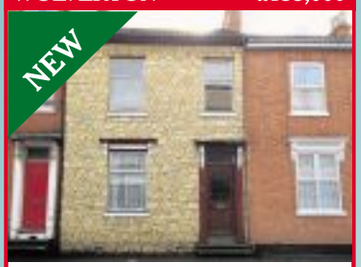
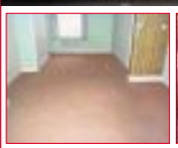


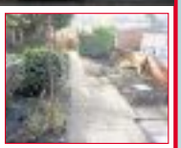
- 3 bedrooms
- 1930's semi-detached
- Separate dining room
- Double glazed conservatory
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Single garage
- Energy Rating E

WOLVERTON £135,000

NEW





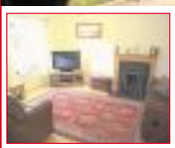


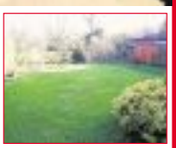
- 2 bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Full cellar
- Conservatory
- Separate reception rooms
- Sealed unit double glazed windows
- Single garage
- In need of modernisation
- Energy Rating F

WOLVERTON £165,000

- 3 double bedrooms
- Three separate reception rooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Utility room
- Gas to radiator heating
- No upper chain
- Close to local amenities
- Energy Rating E

NASH £250,000





- 3 bedrooms
- Extended semi detached
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs annexe/Guest room
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Single garage & off road parking
- Village location
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £175,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Victorian style mid terrace
- Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- Re-fitted kitchen with appliances
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Utility/sun room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Energy Rating E

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

WOLVERTON £170,000

NEW

- 3 double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Open fireplaces
- Re-fitted kitchen and bathroom
- Stripped and varnished floorboards
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas to radaitor heating
- Front & rear gardens
- Energy Rating E

WOLVERTON £80,000

- 2 double bedrooms
- Fourth floor flat
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Lounge through diner
- Close to local amenities
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating C

NEW BRADWELL £80,000

- One bedroom
- Ground floor flat
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Lounge/diner
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating C

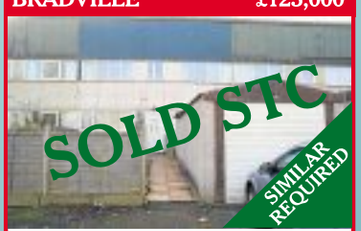
WOLVERTON £160,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Mid terrace house
- Separate reception rooms
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Single Garage
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £180,000

- 4 bedrooms
- Mid terrace house
- Open fireplace in lounge
- Re-fitted combination bolier
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Energy Rating D

BRADVILLE £125,000



- * 3 bedrooms
- * Mid terrace property
- * Conservatory
- * UPVC double glazing
- * Gas to radiator heating
- * Downstairs cloakroom
- * Single garage
- * Energy Rating C

WOLVERTON £175,000

- 3 bedroomed extended semi detached
- Upstairs shower room
- Downstairs bathroom
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Extended Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utilty room
- Off road parking
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating D

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Daily working Hours – 11am – 2pm – Monday to Friday

This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of our successful school based in Wolverton.

We are looking for a Kitchen Assistant to work alongside our newly appointed Cook Manager within our independent school kitchen.

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The ideal candidate will already have some kitchen/catering experience and hold an up-to-date Basic Hygiene Certificate.

All applicants must submit a completed application form together with a supporting statement explaining why you think the job is right for you. (CVs will not be accepted).

Please take a look at our school website to give you a flavor of our school community and visits to the school are welcomed.

This is an exciting time for Greenleys Junior School with many projects planned for the future.

Come along and part of our success.

Please email jmcmanus@greenleysjunior.org for an application pack, or one can be collected from school reception.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 1st March 2013, with Interviews to be held week commencing 4th March 2013.

The school is committed to safeguarding children and the successful applicant will require an enhanced CRB check

The Walnuts School

Admiral Drive, Hazeley,
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Headteacher: Nick Jackman

The Walnuts School is a residential special school and registered children's home that operates on two sites, for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorders. We are an all age school with pupils from 4 to 19 years old.

We are currently recruiting to the following posts to commence April 2013.

Site Manager

MK6: £20,858 – £25,472 • (job evaluation pending)
37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year

We are seeking to appoint a Site Manager with the knowledge and skills to effectively manage the school sites, making a positive contribution to the life of the school. You will have total commitment to maintaining a clean and safe environment and have experience of managing teams, supervising sub-contractors and project management. With extensive knowledge of health & safety procedures you will be able to carry out general repairs and maintenance to the buildings and grounds, be computer literate, have good initiative and communication skills, be able to work independently and also be flexible to respond to out of hours requirements of the school and children's home. The ability to stay calm under pressure and meet deadlines is important, as is a good sense of humour.

Senior Residential Care Officer

MK6: £20,858 – £25,472 • (job evaluation pending)
37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year • Temporary, initially for 1 year

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Minibus Driver

MK3: £8.15 per hour • 10 hours per week, term-time only

You will transport pupils with special needs between school and home daily. 7.30am – 9.00am and 2.45pm – 4.00pm approx.

Driving licence category D1 essential; Milton Keynes Council Minibus permit would be an advantage although training and test can be arranged if necessary.

Please call 01908 563885 if you wish to discuss these posts further and to arrange a visit. Alternatively, email: admin@walnuts.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Closing date: Friday, 15th March 2013.
Interview date: w/c 18th March 2013.

These posts requires an enhanced DBS check (previously CRB). This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. We are an equal opportunities employer.

Wavendon Gate School

Milton Keynes
Number on roll: 420; age range: 4 to 11.

Year 3 Teaching Assistant

Required to start as soon as possible.
MK 3 or MK 4 depending on experience.
MK3 (£13,589 - £16,054), MK 4 (£15,725 - £18,453) pro-rata.

We are seeking to appoint a teaching assistant to support a statemented child with learning and behavioural needs. The successful applicant will be working between 8:30am and 1:00pm, Monday to Friday.

If you have worked with children with behavioural needs and have an understanding of the teaching of phonics we are really keen to hear from you. This is a fixed-term appointment ending on 31 August 2013.

Wavendon Gate is an innovative and forward-thinking school with wonderful children.

At our last Ofsted inspection (March 2011) we were judged to be good with several outstanding features and we're heading for outstanding overall!

We can offer:

- friendly, well-motivated and well-behaved children, who are eager to learn
- well-resourced areas
- a rich, vibrant curriculum and excellent facilities
- the support of our well- established school team.

If this sounds interesting, please contact us by phone: 01908 586394 or email: wavendongate@milton-keynes.gov.uk for an application form or further details. Or visit our school website at www.wavendongate.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Visits to the school are welcomed, come and see us in action to find out what we can offer you!

Closing date: 3.00pm on Friday 8th March 2013.
Interviews: Friday 15th March 2013.

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Interview date: 4 April 2013.

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Interview date: 22 March 2013.

Closing date for all posts: 10 March 2013.

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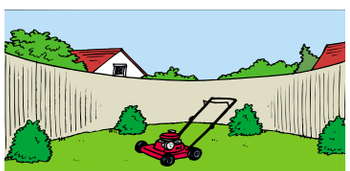

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(HIGH STREET AND OLNEY ROAD (PARTS), EMBERTON) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR ACCESS ONLY) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above named order under sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (3) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Act. The proposed order, which will affect all classes of motor vehicles, will have the following effects within Emberton, Milton Keynes:-

1. The prohibition of all motor vehicles from proceeding through Olney Road and High Street at their entry points into Olney village, except for access, between the hours of 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm Monday to Friday;
2. The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along part of Hulton Drive.

There will be exemptions for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven by special forces on operational duties, vehicles carrying out duties for any statutory undertaker, the Environment Agency and Milton Keynes Council and for local bus services and schools contract vehicles.

A copy of the proposed order, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing the order, and maps showing the lengths of roads referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Olney Library, High Street, Olney, Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ. Please quote reference number BAS-P&E-5976/2003/2.

Any objections to the proposals together with the grounds on which they are made must **be made in writing** quoting the above reference, and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 13 March 2013.

Please note:- The former proposals to implement a 20 mph speed restriction zone and prohibition of vehicles except for restricted access only within Emberton, as notified on 19 September 2012, have been withdrawn.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 20 February 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

ALTERATIONS TO WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS IN PARTS OF NEWPORT PAGNELL, SHENLEY LODGE AND OLNEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make 3 Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Orders, the titles of which are listed below, will affect all classes of vehicles and will have the following effects:-

Westbury Lane, Newport Pagnell

- The introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' prohibition;
- The introduction of a 'No Loading or Unloading at Any Time' prohibition;
- The introduction of a 'No Waiting from 8.00 am to 9.00 am and 2.45 pm to 3.45 pm, Monday to Friday' restriction;
- The introduction of a 'No Loading or Unloading from 8.00 am to 9.00 am and 2.45 pm to 3.45 pm, Monday to Friday' restriction.

Yardly Road, Olney

- The introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' prohibition;
- The introduction of a 'No Loading or Unloading 24 hours of Every Day' prohibition.

Various Roads, Shenley Lodge

- The introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' prohibition;
- The introduction of a 'No Loading from 8.30 am to 9.30 am and 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday' restriction.

Exemptions from the proposed Orders include: emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Orders together with maps showing the areas referred to, a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Orders may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, Newport Pagnell and Olney Library, High Street, Olney and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, **must be made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 13 March 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-006848-2096 (Westbury Lane), NA-P&E-006851-2097 (Shenley Lodge) and NA-P&E-006852-2098 (Yardley Road, Olney).

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 20 February 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Order Titles

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WESTBURY LANE, NEWPORT PAGNELL) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (YARDLY ROAD (PART), OLNEY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, SHENLEY LODGE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, SHENLEY CHURCH END) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2010) VARIATION ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 20 February 2013 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order, which comes into effect on 25 February 2013, will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects in parts of roads within Shenley Church End:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along the northern side of Pigott Drive and along the carriageway around the circumference of the roundabout linking Fortescue Drive, Pigott Drive and Peers Lane;
- The introduction of 'No Loading or Unloading' restrictions along the northern side of Pigott Drive and along the carriageway around the circumference of the roundabout linking Fortescue Drive, Pigott Drive and Peers Lane.

Exemptions from the Order include: emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Order together with maps showing the areas referred to, a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order and copies of any Orders that are to be varied or revoked by these proposals may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 20 February 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES) (DERESTRICTION) ORDER 2004) VARIATION ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 20 February 2013 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The Order, which comes into effect on 25 February 2013, affects all classes of vehicle, and its effect is to remove the national speed limit along those parts of roads stated at 1. and 2. below, thereby imposing a 30 mph speed limit along the said parts of roads, by virtue of the positioning of adjacent street lighting.

The affected parts of roads are as follows:-

1. The C140 Wolverton Road from a point approximately 55 metres west of its junction with Giffard Park Roundabout to a point approximately 3 metres north-east of the projected boundary of No's 214 and 216 Wolverton Road in a generally easterly direction.
2. The V10/C160 Brickhill Street, from its junction with Giffard Park Roundabout for a distance of approximately 40 metres in a southerly direction.

Copies of the Order, Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order and a copy of the Order containing parts to be revoked as a result of this Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks of the date upon which the Order was made, apply to High Court for this purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 20 February 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, CONNIBURROW) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 20th February 2013, made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects in parts of some roads within Conniburrow:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' and 'No Loading/Unloading at Any Time' restrictions along some parts of Bramble Avenue, Bryony Place, Conniburrow Boulevard and Germander Place, near to both Southwood and Germander Park Schools;
- The introduction of 'No Waiting' and No Loading/Unloading' restrictions, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm, along parts of Bramble Avenue, Bryony Place and Conniburrow Boulevard, near to both Southwood and Germander Park Schools.

The Order will come into effect on the 25th February 2013.

Exemptions from the Order include: emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and some others.

Copies of the Order as made together with maps showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference WL-P&E-006484-TRO-2055.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 20 February 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 — WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/00223/TCA — Notification of intention to remove conifer and conifer hedge by front wall; removal of conifer screen to side; removal of 2 x plum trees at Field View, 55 High Street, Sherington

12/02652/FUL — Two storey side extension, part two storey, part single storey rear extension with balcony at first floor level, alterations to windows and doors of side elevations and re-roofing with sprocketed eaves detail at 35 High Street, North Crawley

SECTION 67 & 73 — LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/00234/LBC — Listed building consent for the conversion of farm buildings to residential (renewal of application 05/00858/LBC) at Yew Tree Farm, Stoke Goldington Road, Ravenstone

SECTION 67 — LISTED BUILDING

13/00098/FUL — New shop front at Burger King (UK) Ltd, 99 Silbury Arcade, Central Milton Keynes

13/00099/ADV — Advert consent to display 1 x logo sign box at Burger King (UK) Ltd, 99 Silbury Arcade, Central Milton Keynes

13/00100/LBC — Listed building consent for replacement of existing shop fronts at Burger King (UK) Ltd, 99 Silbury Arcade, Central Milton Keynes

13/00256/FUL — Extension of time limit on application 10/00047/FUL for conversion of existing farm building incorporating a single storey side extension for use as a residential dwelling with various internal and external alterations at Lavendon Mill, Lavendon Road, Lavendon

13/00257/LBC — Extension of time limit on application 10/00048/LBC for listed building consent for conversion of existing farm building incorporating a single storey side extension for use as a residential dwelling with various internal and external alterations at Lavendon Mill, Lavendon Road, Lavendon

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

13/00061/FUL — Erection of a new post 16 study centre as an extension to the existing phase 2B pavilion building at The Hazeley Academy, Emperor Drive, Hazeley

13/00224/REM — Reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission 02/01337/OUT for Phase 2E2 for 63 dwellings, including all associated works at Land Known As Newton Leys, West of Railway, South of Bletchley Landfill Site at Drayton Road, Bletchley

13/00266/OUT — Demolition of the existing National Badminton Centre, health club and residential accommodation block and outline planning consent for a C3 residential development consisting of up to 104 units including the retention of the existing farmhouse building at National Badminton Centre, 96 Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge

13/00267/FUL — Construction of a new National Badminton Centre including an arena of 17 x badminton courts and 6 x indoor tennis courts; 6 outdoor courts; associated fitness and conference facilities; administrative and overnight accommodation together with ancillary uses; associated car parking and landscaping works at Land Adjacent To MK Bowl, Watling Street H7 To H8, Elfield Park

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING,
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CASSIE 44yr old yummy tummy seeks big boy who loves food, let me spoil you, extreme over indulgences and pleasure guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 390995**

PRETTY petite dark hair/eyed 28yr old divorced single mum, great figure, lots of interests, OHAC, seeks genuine male also looking for someone special in their life. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 381721**

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JULIETTE blonde blue eyed lady who loves to have fun and enjoy life, seeking similar passionate guy to let my hair down and have some serious fun with. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 381725**

SHARON 33, slim blonde, blue eyes outgoing, attractive, looking to put some much needed fun back into life, seeks male 30-45yrs. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 383047**

FULL time vacancy arisen for open minded male seeking uncomplicated relationship with slim professional 39yr old female with wicked sense of humour. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 374157**

ATTRACTIVE sensitive female looking for genuine relationship with manly male who will look after me on both an emotional and physical level. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 358257**

LYNN 37 single mum, petite slim and very pretty, seeking caring funny guy to be with and become my Mr Wonderful. Dads welcome. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 386633**

DEBBIE attractive young looking divorced female, seeking male who wants but does not need a special someone in their life, single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 390077**

NINA black beauty, classy 21, loves to have lots of fun, seeks older man who is willing to come up with a few new ideas for adult fun times. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 381361**

ALI 32 easygoing busty/curvy female with great smile looking for fun and adventure with open-minded manly guy. Can accommodate/travel. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 377505**

HI I'm Jane a 40yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 386643**

SENSUAL tactile, attractive female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, loves travel, wining/dining, WLTM genuine male for mutual companionship. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 368887**

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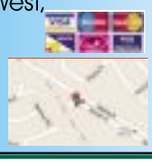

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We feel it is a bit of a hopeless task to appeal to the FA which is why we haven't with Alan Smith's red card on Saturday. And there is always a risk they stick another game on for the appeal being frivolous. We believe it wasn't a sending off. It was very, very harsh and was a booking at most.

He just barged into the back of Rory Delay and it was more of a coming together. Delap is an experienced player and would have gone down had it been bad. But he stayed on his feet and speaking to him afterwards, he never thought anything of it.

I get asked the same question all the time about how the game has changed from when I was player and how many red cards would I have picked up. But you just have to learn to adapt your game and I'm sure plenty of players from my days could adapt their games.

I feel for Smithy as he will now miss four games. It's very disruptive. Suspensions and injuries have really hit us hard.

But if we get a settled team for the last 16 games and get on a run we still fully believe we can get out of this league.

We've got Carlisle on Saturday and we know what they are about as Bobby Winkelman and Alex Rae watched them on Saturday.

It's a hard place to go and they have a very good centre forward in Miller who holds the ball up and brings other players in. It was my turn to be out watching games last night and I was at Stevenage v Oldham making notes.

But, if I'm honest, we are still very disappointed at going out of the FA Cup.

We had a great win at QPR in the last round and played very well there. We felt it was a real lost opportunity to progress into the quater finals.

It would have been the first time for this club and the players could have made history. Not many players get to the quarter finals so that was the disappointing factor.

But you have to give credit to Barnsley. They are a team in good form and they pressed us very, very high and put us under pressure in the first 45 minutes.

But, credit to the manager, he changed the shape at half time and we matched them up by playing with a diamond. We were better and looked more of a threat.

That was good as, at one stage in the first, it looked like we were going to be out of the game. I still think it could have been different had Alan Smith's header gone in but that's cup football and all credit to Barnsley.

We certainly didn't take them lightly just because we had beaten QPR away from home.

We planned very thoroughly and knew what they were about. We never took them lightly at all and gave them the utmost respect. They hunted in packs and got a lot of me around the ball. And then they always had a big threat up front with Dagnall. Their whole squad came to watch us against Doncaster so they clearly did their homework, too.

FOOTBALL

Dean Lewington in action against Barnsley in the FA Cup fifth-round tie on Saturday. Picture: Andy Handley

Captain: We need to be much better

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DEAN Lewington has called for a "drastic" improvement as Dons bid to get their promotion ambitions back on track.

Saturday's 3-1 FA Cup fifth-round defeat to Barnsley means Karl Robinson's side only have the league to concentrate on.

Just one win in eight league outings has done the damage for Dons who find themselves 11 points adrift of the play-off spots and 13 points shy of the season's initial target of automatic promotion.

Robinson's men do have games in hand on a number of sides above them but they urgently need to start picking up points soon.

Skipper Lewington is relishing that challenge but he knows it will be a tough ask as the club have fallen alarmingly off the pace in League One.

"It's still possible, but we need to improve drastically on what we're doing at the moment," Lewington said. "There's 16 games to go. We watched Shrewsbury beat Tranmere 2-0 and that tells you everything you need to know about the league, a team near the bottom can go to a team at the top and beat them. That can happen.

"We know we've had our difficult spells and other teams will have their difficult spells.

"If we can get a run together, we are playing teams in and around us."

Dons have a tricky run of fixtures coming up if they are to restore their Championship push, starting with trips to opposite ends of the country for back to back away fixtures against Carlisle and Portsmouth.

Lewington, who was partly responsible for Lee Barnard's opening goal for Oldham in the Latics' 3-1 victory over Dons last weekend, admitted he also had to take blame for Marlon Harewood's strike which gave Barnsley a 2-0 lead on Saturday.

The left-back allowed a pass from Jacob Mellis to pass through him too easily which let Scott Wiseman in near the corner flag to tee up Harewood.

"It was at hip height and I couldn't get my leg up high," said Lewington.

"I couldn't use my chest, it was just at an awkward area.

"When he first hit it he hit it so hard so I thought there was no chance of it staying in.

"It got stuck in the mud and allowed that chance but looking back it's something I should have done better with."

Robinson revealed his captain would always own up to things.

"That's the type of character he is," he said the manager.

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DONS were knocked out of the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup on Monday night after a 3-0 defeat to part-timers Beaconsfield SYCOB – despite fielding several recognised names in their starting 11.

Goals from Miles Jones, Ryan Upward and Ryan Blake were enough for the Evo-Stik League Southern Division One in the semi-final clash at Holloways Park.

Alan Smith was again handed a coaching role in the competition and he named a strong side, featuring first teamers Mathias Kouo-Doumbe, Ryan Lowe, Antony Kay and Izale McLeod.

Tom Flanagan and George Baldock, who both have first-team experience, made their first appearances for Dons this season and teenage pair Dele Alli and Brendan Galloway, who have also featured for Karl Robinson's first team, also played.

The club entered the competition primarily to provide game time for youngsters, fringe players and others who need game time.

NO RED CARD APPEAL

KARL Robinson has performed a U-turn and decided not to appeal against the red card Alan Smith picked up during the 3-1 FA Cup defeat to Barnsley on Saturday.

The former Manchester United man was dismissed in stoppage time after an aerial challenge which saw his arm strike Tykes on loan midfielder Rory Delap in the ribs.

Dons boss Robinson immediately announced his intention to appeal following the game but on Tuesday he said although he still disagreed with the decision made by referee Michael Jones, he had changed his mind.

Smith, who was announced as the Dons man of the match seconds before picking up the red, now faces a four-game ban.

"I've not appealed," Robinson said. "What's the point? Smithy wasn't happy, but I said to him we're not going to win it

"The referee told a little white lie. He told the fourth official he was sent off for an elbow to the head. When I saw it afterwards it was a foot below the armpit.

"I then went to see the ref and he said he didn't say it was to the head. There are seven people who said that he did."

"He guessed and got it wrong and it was a shambolic decision."

Dons have now had seven players sent off this season – five of which Robinson says he disputes. "This year we've not had one bit of luck," he said. "I'm compiling a DVD for the FA about sendings off. The key defining moments are just not going for us."

TRAVEL HEADACHE

DONS are preparing for two League One games at opposite ends of the country – in the space of just four days.

The stadiummk outfit are looking to revitalise their League One promotion push but they face a trip to the division's most northerly outpost in Carlisle United on Saturday before a clash with south coast side Portsmouth on Tuesday.

This is a far from ideal scenario for Karl Robinson's travel weary side, who also played their last two league fixtures away from home turf.

"If we were doing it right, we'd probably fly to Carlisle, stay the night and fly to Portsmouth," Robinson said. "But we're a League One club and can't afford it."

FIXTURES

SAT	CARLISLE (A)
TUES	PORTSMOUTH (A)
MARCH 2	PRESTON (H)
MARCH 9	SHEFF UTD (A)
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Lightning on a march

Action from the Lightning v Steeldogs game
Picture: Jez Tibbetts

NICK Poole believes his MK Lightning side are starting to hit form at just the right time as they prepare for three games in the space of four days.

Lightning play their game in hand away to Swindon Wildcats tomorrow night, then face a weekend double header at home to English Premier League leaders Guildford Flames before travelling to Telford Tigers on Sunday.

Three points gained from last weekend has seen them stay comfortably on course for a place in the play-offs, and head coach Poole is optimistic for the rest of the campaign.

"I feel we've started to play with a bit more consistency over the last few weeks and I'm beginning to feel there's a bit of rhythm to our play," said Poole

"Defensively we've been solid and have kept both our shot count against down, and also our goals against. We're getting goals now from more than just one line, and that will be a major asset for us over the coming weeks."

Lightning suffered a 2-1 overtime defeat away to Sheffield Steeldogs last Saturday, but rebounded with a 3-1 win over Basingstoke Bison thanks to goals from Lewis Jamieson, Blaz Emersic and Kamil Tvrdek.

Although Swindon comes first, Poole has his eye on the home clash with Guildford as well and expects a high-intensity game against the table toppers.

"Guildford are a strong team who are top of the league for a reason," said Poole. "They are solid from top to bottom and we enjoy the challenge of playing against them.

"The games are always fast-paced and we know we'll have to limit the time and space their players are allowed on the puck.

"I think they're a team that brings out our best, and we know that that's what will be needed to get the two points that we want from the game."

Poole hopes to have Nick Chinn and Lukas Zatopek available for all of this week's games. Chinn has recovered from an arm injury and a bout of illness, while Zatopek is having physio on a damaged leg nerve.

TOURING CARS

Farrell boosts Nash's bid

Title hopes: James Nash

JAMES Nash's hopes of capturing the World Touring Cars championship have been boosted after former Formula One chief engineer Steve Farrell joined the team of the Newport Pagnell racer.

Twenty-seven-year-old Nash has high hopes for his second season on the global stage after signing for Silverstone based outfit Bamboo Engineering, a move which will see him drive a highly competitive Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T.

Farrell will engineer Nash's Cruze and takes charge of his championship bid with immediate effect.

He joins with an impressive CV which includes roles as Director of Engineering for the Subaru World Rally Championship and key positions for British American Racing in the F1 paddock.

"I'm excited to be working with someone of Steve's calibre," Nash said following the appointment.

"We have a great car and now someone working on it who has Formula One pedigree."

Reigning world champion Rob Huff drove a Cruze last term, as did second and third placed Alain Menu and Yvan Muller, a fact which highlights the car's strong title credentials.

Farrell said that he was delighted to link up with Nash and Bamboo, following a call from team Chief Executive Richard Coleman.

"I have been talking to Richard for a while and the time is now right to make the move to Bamboo," he said.

"Richard runs a supreme outfit, the strength and breadth of his team is awesome, plus with great hardware and top drivers, we'll be making our mark this year. I can't wait to get stuck in and working with the team and James Nash."

Nash was 20th during his debut World Touring Cars season, when he was behind the wheel of a Ford Focus for Team Aon.

The 2013 season begins in Monza, Italy, on March 23/24.

"The appointment of Steve is a major coup," Coleman said.

"Attracting such an experienced F1 and WRC stalwart is testament to the strength and breadth of the new look Bamboo Engineering.

"I have said this year is going to be big for us and working with Steve and colleagues of his calibre means this season is going to be one to remember."

RUGBY UNION

City survive tense finish to keep streak alive

MILTON Keynes stretched their winning run in the Southern Counties North to 13 matches after a 13-12 victory at county rivals Aylesbury – but they had to endure a nervy finale before they made it over the line.

Phil Powell kicked a couple of penalties for City to put the visitors into a 6-0 lead and Darren Brodrick then scored a try out wide following an effective maul to stretch the advantage to 13-0.

Aylesbury came roaring back though with a spirited display during the second half and they got their first points on the board thanks to a penalty try which was converted.

A second try soon followed but the conversion this time was crucially missed, meaning MK held onto a single point lead.

Ray Bray's side still had 15 minutes to negotiate but they hung on for a crucial win which has elevated them to second in the table.

They are just two points behind leaders Reading Abbey with a game in hand, which is due to be played against strugglers Tadley.

"My blood pressure can't take it any more," Bray said after the tense finish.

"We knew it would be a challenge as it's always a tough game.

"It was an unbelievable finish."

Bray has now called on his side to turn wins into bonus point wins as they look for promotion.

There is a chance of that against Tadley but City have never been convincing against the Hampshire outfit.

In the same division there was a thumping 54-7 victory for fifth placed Olney against Alchester, who are just one place below them in the standings.

Nick Kelsall, Paddy Leahy and Scott Harrison both scored two tries each in the rout, with Jonathan Brice also going over.

In the South West 1 East Bletchley were beaten 29-22 at Manor Fields, leaving them 11th.

SPORTSSHORTS

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Hockey Club's Ladies firsts were beaten 4-1 by Hampstead and Westminster seconds.

Sofie Sokolowski scored the solitary goal after being calmly played in by Gemma Meredith. The result sees them slip down the table.

The Ladies thirds had less success, as they fell 4-0 to Oxford Hawks.

The Mens seconds had better luck though, as they overcame Bicester 5-0 to aid their promotion push. Paul Hutchinson got them off to a good start with the opening goal, with further strikes coming from Giacomo Palmerio, Jo Vernon, and twe further strikes coming from Matt Darvell.

There was good news also for the young Samurai side, who beat West Hamstead. Man-of-the-match Sam Spencer cancelled out Hamstead's opener, and with just five minutes left Mark Ling found the net to give MK a deserved victory.

KARTING

A RECORD 144 kart racers filled the grids at Daytona Milton Keynes' outdoor karting facility for the first round of the 2013 Vodafone DMAX Championship.

The Daytona Vodafone DMAX Championship has seen an unprecedented increase in competitor numbers year-on-year. 2010 saw on average 55 drivers racing at each of the 10 rounds; in 2011 that number increased to an average 80 drivers per race; and in 2012 it reaching a staggering 124 entries for each round.

James Baldwin lead the Lights heat after Round 1 with 118 points, while James Pratt headed up the Inters with a score of 117.

And Chris Carter was the man to beat in the Heavy category, leading the charts with 120 points, an impressive 13 ahead of his nearest competitor.

ATHLETICS

Chuko Cribb won the M20 Triple Jump at the Midlands Indoor Championships in Birmingham with a clearance of 13.82m.

Representing Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club, the jumper took the honours to continue a great start to the season for the club.

The good news also spread to north London at the Southern Veterans Indoor Champs at Lee Valley, as John Browne won the M55 60m title in 7.9s.

At the South of England Cross Country Champions, some of the Senior Men competing were Steve Herring, who placed 131st and finished just under the hour with a time of 59m 52s. Ten places behind was Mark Dowson who timed 60m 19s, with 168th placed Gary Blaber finishing in 61m 46s.

There was success at Hardwick for Kelvin Smith as he won the M60 title in 46m 39s.

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Lightning building up a head of steam in English Premier League - page 75

HOT CUP: Karl Robinson was unhappy with the dismissal of Alan Smith on Saturday and is under pressure to get the promotion bid back on track
Pictures: Andy Handley

Robbo's 'toughest' test

BY DAN PALMER
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KARL Robinson believes the task in front of him is the toughest any MK Dons boss has ever faced.

The 32-year-old has 16 games to turn around the club's stuttering promotion campaign and believes if he does so, it will be the greatest achievement of his career.

Dons are 11 points adrift of the League One play-off spots in 12th and are 14 shy of the automatic promotion places but Robinson is refusing to throw in the towel.

"This is the biggest test of any manager who has ever been at this football club," Robinson said.

"Do I think we should be doing better? Yes. Have we under achieved this year? Yes, so far.

"We've got to take the criticism that comes with that but it's not over, not by a long way."

If promotion to the Championship is achieved it will be done with the squad of players who are at the club now, as Robinson revealed he will not be strengthening further during the loan window.

After missing out on targets such as Charlton pair Bradley Wright-Phillips and Danny Green on transfer deadline day, the boss has opted to stick with his lot for the all important run-in.

"If we win ten out of the next 16 games then that could be enough," he said. "That's the aim.

"A lot of those games are against teams that are around us who we want to play.

"I can't see a team at the top of the league really pushing. I'm going to roll my sleeves up now and whatever happens, this will make me a better manager."

The season's target was to win the division but Robinson has now conceded he would settle for a third play-off campaign in as many years if he was offered the opportunity now.

"I'm not giving up on the automatic but if I'm being realistic, teams have to play each other so somebody has to win," he said.

"But if we finish in the play-offs, we've over-achieved. That's a fact."

Robinson, who now solely has the league to focus on following Saturday's FA Cup fifth round defeat to Barnsley, has regularly pointed out that his squad's injury list is a factor for the club's mid-table position.

However, Luke Chadwick is back following more than two months out with knee ligament damage.

"He captures everything I love about football, he's graceful, he's classy and he cares," Robinson said.

"For young fans of MK Dons, what a role model he is."

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Swindon	32	8	5	3	33	9	8	5	3	22	13	33	58
Bournemouth	33	9	6	1	31	13	7	4	6	26	29	15	58
Doncaster Rovers	32	7	3	6	19	18	10	4	2	26	12	15	58
Sheffield United	32	7	6	3	27	17	8	6	2	20	12	18	57
Yeovil Town	32	10	2	5	30	17	8	1	6	25	23	15	57
Tranmere Rovers	33	8	4	5	26	17	8	4	4	22	17	14	56
Brentford	31	9	5	2	28	17	5	7	3	17	15	13	54
Coventry City	33	5	5	6	22	19	9	3	5	31	21	13	50
Walsall	33	7	5	5	25	24	6	4	6	21	24	-2	48
Leyton Orient	32	8	2	6	18	16	6	2	8	18	23	-3	46
Notts County	32	5	4	6	19	18	6	8	3	25	17	9	45
MK Dons	30	8	3	4	22	16	4	5	6	18	18	6	44
Crewe Alexandra	31	8	2	5	17	14	4	6	6	21	26	-2	44
Crawley Town	30	6	5	4	24	21	6	2	7	15	22	-4	43
Stevenage	31	4	5	7	20	27	8	2	5	18	16	-5	43
Carlisle United	32	6	3	7	23	31	5	4	7	17	24	-15	40
Preston NE	32	4	7	6	22	21	5	4	6	19	21	-1	38
Shrewsbury	33	5	7	4	19	17	3	6	8	17	23	-4	37
Scunthorpe	33	4	5	7	20	28	5	3	9	16	27	-19	35
Oldham Athletic	32	4	3	8	16	19	5	3	9	18	27	-12	33
Colchester United	32	6	3	7	19	20	3	2	11	12	30	-19	32

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